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Resolution amending Resolution Number 432 of 2017, entitled, "Resolution authorizing a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the City of Pittsburgh ("City"), the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh ("URA") and the Pittsburgh Land Bank "PLB" to provide for future shared administrative services and the transfer of property among agencies for governmental, redevelopment, and portfolio management purposes (All Districts).", by providing for City Council review of the Policies and Procedures of the Pittsburgh Land Bank pursuant to §174A.13(d) of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Land Bank Act, 68 Pa.C.S.A. § 2101 et seq. (the "Act"), authorized the creation of land banks to address issues related to vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties through the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2014, the City passed an ordinance authorizing the creation of the Land Bank, see Pittsburgh Code, Title One, Article IX, Chapter 174(A); and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Land Bank Ordinance and the provisions of the Act authorize the Land Bank to engage in various activities related to the acquisition, maintenance, and disposition of real property within the City; and

WHEREAS, historically, real property transfers between the Authority and the City were governed by City Resolution No. 255, Bill No. 402, effective June 25, 1998 (the "Property Reserve Resolution"), and a memorandum of understanding developed thereunder; and

WHEREAS, Section 174A.07 of the Land Bank Ordinance authorizes the PLB to contract with the City and URA to provide staffing services to the Land Bank, and Section 174A.12(d) of the Land Bank Ordinance directs the Land Bank to coordinate with the City and the URA for synchronized acquisition, maintenance, and disposition of real estate; and

WHEREAS, Section 174A.08(c)(2) of the land Bank Ordinance requires all transfers of city-owned property be approved by Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 174A.12(h) of the Land Bank Ordinance requires City Council to have final approval of the disposition of all real property during the oversight period of the Land Bank; and

WHEREAS, Section 174A.13(d) of the Land Bank Ordinance requires an agreement between the City and the Land Bank and said agreement may provide City Council review and approval of the initial policies and procedures of the Land Bank; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 53 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 2301 et seq. authorizes intergovernmental cooperation between a local government and other governmental entities located within or outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the exercise of their respective governmental functions, powers, or responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to enter into the aforementioned Cooperation Agreement to establish procedures and

protocols for the shared administrative services and transfer of properties between included parties.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1.

The Mayor and the Directors of the Departments of Finance and City Planning are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Cooperation Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Land Bank (individually, “Party” or collectively, the “Parties”), in form approved by the City Solicitor, providing for future shared administrative services and the transfer of property among agencies for governmental, redevelopment, and portfolio management purposes.

Section 2.

- 1) The purpose of this Agreement is to enable the Parties to interact with regards to administrative and shared services, as well as the transfer of real property between respective public inventories.
- 2) The term of this Agreement runs from the execution of the document by all parties, and shall cease upon 180 days advance written notice of one Party to all other Parties.
- 3) No new intergovernmental entity is created under the terms of this Agreement.

Section 3. Pursuant to §174A.13(d) of the Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, said Cooperation Agreement shall provide for City Council review and approval of the Land Bank’s initial Policies and Procedures

Section [3.] 4.

Any Resolution or Ordinance of part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Resolution.