ORDINANCE # 27- 2019

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY AND EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS (BLOCK 193, LOT 3)

WHEREAS, the City of Gloucester City, (the "City"), in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, has determined that there is a need within the City to acquire property necessary for the public purpose of redevelopment within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is duly authorized and empowered to acquire real property and/or easements for public use by purchasing, gift, condemnation or otherwise, pursuant to the provisions of The Constitution of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et seq., N.J.S.A.40A:12A-8, and other applicable statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined to acquire a fee simple interest, or such lesser interest, in the lands and premises hereinafter described for the public purpose of redevelopment of the Essex Street Redevelopment Area pursuant to the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., and other applicable statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 238-2019, the City has identified property which has been designated as an area in need of redevelopment as part of the Essex Street Redevelopment Area located on Block 193, Lot 3 on the Official City of Gloucester City Tax Map (the "Property") for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the identified parcel within the City is required and necessary for the redevelopment of the Essex Street Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the City's intention is to acquire and rehabilitate the vacant Property to a standard suitable for occupancy and to offer it for resale; and

WHEREAS, this property is presently owned by John B. and Katherine D. Hezlep (hereinafter referred to as "Owner"); and

WHEREAS, the City intends to perform an appraisal of the Property to determine its fair market value; and

WHEREAS, the City will hereafter be required to execute various documents related to the acquisition of the property or will be required to institute Eminent Domain proceedings in the appropriate court; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Gloucester City, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that:

<u>Section 1.</u> The City hereby authorizes the acquisition of the property by purchasing, gift, condemnation or otherwise, identified as Block 193, Lot 3 within the City of Gloucester City for the purpose of redevelopment of the Essex Street Redevelopment Area.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Mayor, and/or City Administrator, and City Clerk, as may be required, are authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition of the property, including any documents that may be required for the institution of Eminent Domain proceedings, the form of which documents are conditioned upon final review and approval of the City Redevelopment Attorney.

<u>Section 3.</u> All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication according to law.

Passed on First Reading: November 26, 2019

Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of Gloucester City this 19th day of December, 2019.

CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY

DANIEL T. SPENCER, JR., Mayor

Vanessa L. Parent, City Clerk