

**FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
LOAN AGREEMENT**

This Agreement (hereinafter “Agreement”) is executed and made effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 (hereinafter “Effective Date”), and is by and between the City of Minot, a North Dakota municipality (hereinafter “City”) and The Mouse River Players, a North Dakota non-profit corporation. (hereinafter “Property Owner”). City and Property Owner are jointly referred to herein as the Parties. This Agreement concerns façade improvements made to the following property:

NAME OF BUSINESS/DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The Mouse River Players

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY TO BE IMPROVED: 115 1st Street SE, Minot, ND

PARCEL ID: MI24.238.080.0080

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 7 and 8, Block 8, Original Townsite of the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota

WHEREAS, the City implemented a Façade Improvement Program (hereinafter “Program”) to provide public funds as an incentive to encourage private investment for exterior true-to-period façade improvements to properties located in the City’s Central Business District;

WHEREAS, Property Owner applied for funding assistance related to a complete façade renovation or replacement;

WHEREAS, City proposes to make financial support available to assist the Property Owner to complete the façade renovation or replacement in accordance with the approved application;

WHEREAS, City’s financial support will consist of a no-interest forgivable loan up to 75% of the total project costs, but in no event more than \$63,998;

WHEREAS Façade Loans are to be reimbursable and used solely for a portion of the project costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises of the parties’ and other valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are acknowledged by each party to the other, City and Property Owner covenant and agree, as follows:

1. Loan Amount. City shall lend Property Owner and Property Owner shall borrow from City the sum of up to \$63,998 in the form of a no-interest, forgivable loan, the terms of which are contained in the promissory note attached hereto as Exhibit A (hereinafter “Façade Loan”). The Façade Loan shall be used solely for reimbursement of costs associated with the Property Owner’s approved complete façade renovation or replacement, more specifically described in the Property Owner’s application for funding (hereinafter “Project”). The Façade Loan will be disbursed to Property Owner, subject to the conditions of the Agreement, and provided the Property Owner has met and fully satisfied the following requirements: (i) this Agreement, the promissory note attached as

Exhibit A, and the mortgage attached as Exhibit B have been duly-executed by an authorized representative of Property Owner; and (ii) Property Owner has satisfied the Conditions Precedent set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement.

The Façade Loan shall be repaid to City in one installment, without interest, ten years after the City distributes the Façade Loan to Property Owner (hereinafter “Façade Loan Repayment Date”), subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Agreement.”

2. Conditions Precedent to Payment of Façade Loan. The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that the following listed conditions shall be considered conditions precedent and that all of these conditions must be satisfied in full before the City disburses any Façade Loan funds.
  - a. Project Plan. Property Owner’s application, as approved, is attached and incorporated into this Agreement as Exhibit C. Property Owner agrees to complete the Project in accordance with the approved plans, design drawings, and specifications set forth in Exhibit C and attachments thereto and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
  - b. Project Completion. The Project shall be completed on or before September 30, 2022. The City Council, in its reasonable discretion, may allow extensions due to inclement weather or difficulty in obtaining building materials.
  - c. Verification of Project Completion. Within 30 days of completion of the Project, the Property Owner shall notify the City’s Economic Development Administrator and schedule a time for an inspection.
    - i. If the Project is deemed complete and in compliance with Exhibit C, the Economic Development Administrator shall inform the Property Owner of that, in writing.
    - ii. In the event that the Economic Development Administrator identifies inconsistencies in the approved plans and actual work completed, the Economic Development Administrator shall notify the Property Owner, in writing, and provide a timeframe for correction of the required work. All work that is not in conformance with the approved plans, design drawings, and specifications must be remedied by the Property Owner and made to comply with the approved plans, design drawings, and specifications at the Property Owner’s expense. The City will not reimburse the Property Owner for any expense required to correct deficient or improper work.
  - d. Submission of Necessary Documentation. Within 30 days of receiving written verification that the Project is complete and in compliance with Exhibit C, Property Owner shall submit invoices, receipts, bank statements, credit card receipts, or other allowable written proof of Project costs to the Economic Development Administrator. If a contractor is retained to complete the façade improvements, a properly executed and notarized contractor’s statement to the Economic Development Administrator showing the full cost of the work, as well as each separate component amount due to the contractor and each and every subcontractor involved in furnishing labor, materials, or equipment necessary to complete the façade and streetscape improvement related work. In addition, the Property Owner shall submit to the Economic Development Administrator proof

of payment of the contract cost pursuant to the contractor's statement and final lien waivers from all contractors and subcontractors. The Economic Development Administrator and Finance Director shall review the documentation and provide written verification that the costs submitted are eligible for reimbursement.

- e. No Default. The Property Owner shall not be in default under this Agreement or adjudicated in default by a court of competent jurisdiction on any other agreement, obligation, representation, or promise with any other entity doing business in the State of North Dakota.
  - f. In Good Standing. The Property Owner shall be, and remain throughout the term of this Agreement, in good standing under the laws of the State of North Dakota.
  - g. Duly Authorized. The Property Owner shall be duly-authorized to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder.
  - h. Solvent. Property Owner shall be, and remain throughout the term of this Agreement, a solvent corporation capable of fulfilling its obligations hereunder, and shall not be the subject of any "Insolvency Event." For purposes of this Agreement, the term Insolvency Event means (a) Property Owner's (i) failure to generally pay its debts as such debts become due; (ii) admission in writing that it is unable to pay its debts generally; or (iii) general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (b) a proceeding instituted by or against Property Owner (i) seeking to adjudicate it bankrupt or insolvent; (ii) seeking liquidation, winding up, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, protection, relief, or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization or relief of debtors; or (iii) seeking entry of an order for relief or the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or other similar official for it or for any substantial part of its property (and in the case of any such proceeding instituted against Property Owner, such proceeding shall remain undismissed for a period of sixty (60) days or any of the actions sought in such proceeding shall occur); or (c) Property Owner takes any action to authorize any of the aforementioned actions.
  - i. No Conflicting Obligations. Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement, nor Property Owner's performance of its obligations hereunder, shall breach any known obligation, right or interest of a third party, regulatory agency, Board of Directors or other governing body with authority over Property Owner.
  - j. Observe Common Hours. In the event that a Business Improvement District (BID) is formed downtown retail users in the applicant's property will observe those common hours.
3. Repayment and Forgiveness of Façade Loan. Property Owner shall repay the Façade Loan, in full, on or before the Façade Loan Repayment Date. However, Property Owner will be deemed to have made full payment against the balance of the Façade Loan if the described conditions are fully satisfied on or before the Façade Loan Repayment Date:
- a. Annual Inspections. The Property Owner shall allow the Economic Development Administrator to complete annual inspections of the facade. The Economic Development Administrator will document their annual inspection in writing and provide a copy of the annual inspection to the Property Owner.

- b. Façade Maintenance. The Property Owner shall maintain their facade in a manner that is consistent with the approved application, approved plans, design drawings and specifications and in accordance with this Agreement and any applicable laws or regulations. In the event the Property Owner intends to modify the facade for any reason, including for general maintenance, and the modification will produce visible differences in the approved application and design, the modification must be first reviewed and approved, in writing, by the Economic Development Administrator. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld if the proposed changes do not substantially alter the original design concept of the improvements as specified in the original plans, design drawings, and specifications approved pursuant to this Agreement.
- c. Graffiti Removal. The Property Owner shall maintain the façade in appearance and agrees to remove any graffiti within forty-eight hours, or if not possible within that timeframe because of weather conditions, as soon as weather conditions reasonably permit.
- d. Insurance. The Property Owner shall secure and keep in force insurance for the replacement value of the structure, proof of which will be provided to the City within twenty-four hours of City's request. The insurance must cover restoration of the façade in compliance with the Program, and such insurance must be secured upon completion of the renovated façade. To the extent required by North Dakota law, Property Owner and their contractor(s) shall carry worker's compensation insurance to cover all workers involved in the project. Property Owner shall also maintain, at their own expense, general liability insurance covering the subject property and the resultant uses thereof. The Property Owner shall provide the City with copies of these Certificates of Insurance and shall provide the City with notice of any cancellation or change in coverage during the term of this Agreement. Any lapse of insurance coverage during the term of this Agreement shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement.
- e. Lighting Requirements. The Property Owner shall light all display windows and signs every day, from dusk until 10:00 P.M.
- f. Signage Requirements. After completion, Property Owner shall display a sign (provided by the City) indicating participation in the City's Façade Improvement Program. The sign shall be displayed on either the exterior or in the front window of the building for a period of thirty (30) days.
- g. Property Occupation. Property Owner agrees to maintain use and occupancy of the first floors of the building or, in the event of a vacancy, actively market the space to attempt to maintain use and occupancy of the first floor of the building.
- h. Successors. This Agreement shall be binding upon the City and Property Owner and its successors. It shall be the responsibility of the Property Owner to inform subsequent property owners of the provisions of this Agreement. In the event the Property Owner sells the real property enrolled in the Façade Improvement Program, he or she shall assign, with prior written approval from the City Council, all of the obligations to the buyer of the real property.

4. Default. In the event of default by Property Owner of any of the material terms or conditions of this Agreement, where City has provided written notice of such default to Property Owner and where such default is not cured within 30 days of the written notice, City may, upon ten (10) days' notice to Property Owner, declare the Façade Loan immediately due and payable.
5. Consequences of Default. If Property Owner breaches the terms of this Agreement, Property Owner shall not be entitled to be eligible for a future façade improvement program loan until Property Owner completes the Façade Loan repayment to City. This qualification attaches to Property Owner and to each principal of Property Owner (including other entities owned in whole or in part by a principal of Property Owner).
6. Payment to Third Parties. The City shall not be a party to nor is it liable for any contractual payments to any contractors, architects, or other third parties. Payments to any contractors, architects, or other parties are the sole responsibility of the Property Owner, and the Property Owner agrees to indemnify, warrant and defend the City from any such claims from third parties for payment.
7. Further Assurances. Property Owner shall, upon request from City, execute and delivery all further instruments and cause to be done all further acts that may be necessary and/or proper to carry out the provisions and purposes of this Agreement.
8. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended at any time by agreement of the Parties evidenced in writing, signed by both Parties.
9. Survival. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall survive execution of any additional documents contemplated by this Agreement, including (but not limited to) the Promissory Notes, unless the subsequent documents clearly reference this Agreement and contain a statement or statements that the terms and conditions are amended or superseded.
10. Assignment of this Agreement. Property Owner may not, voluntarily or involuntarily, transfer, assign, or delegate to any other person or entity all or any part of its rights or obligations arising under this Agreement without the prior written consent of City.
11. Authority to Execute Agreement. Each party represents and warrants that this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed, and delivered by it; that the undersigned representatives are duly authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom they are signing and whom they represent; and that this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
12. Notices. All notices, certifications, or communications required by this Agreement shall be given in writing and shall be deemed delivered

To CITY:

City of Minot Community Development Department  
c/o Economic Development Administrator  
PO Box 5006  
Minot ND 58702

To PROPERTY OWNERS:

The Mouse River Players  
115 First Street SE

13. Complete Agreement. This Agreement, including exhibits hereto, contains all agreements between the Parties. There are no other representations, warranties, agreements, or understandings, oral, written, or implied, among the Parties, except to the extent reference is made thereto in this Agreement.
14. Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any part of this Agreement to be invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be invalidated. Any part of any section found to be invalid shall not invalidate the remaining part of said section, and the invalid section may be reformed to be valid and enforceable to the extent allowed by law.
15. Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute the same instrument.
16. Captions. The captions and headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and do not limit, define, or describe the scope or intent of any provision of this Agreement.
17. Applicable Law and Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be governed in all respects, whether as to validity, construction, performance, or otherwise, by the laws of the State of North Dakota. All parties agree the proper forum for the resolution of any dispute or claim pursuant to this Agreement shall be the District Court of Ward County, North Dakota, and irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of these courts, waiving all defenses of inconvenient forum or otherwise.
18. Indemnification. The Property Owner understands and agrees that the City, and its officers, agents, and employees shall have no responsibility or liability of any failure of inadequacy of performance or defective workmanship or materials in regard to the agreed-upon improvements that this Agreement contemplates. Property Owner shall indemnify, release, and defend and hold the City, its officers, employees, and agents harmless from all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, suits, actions or proceedings by any person including the Property Owner, its employees and agency from personal injury, death, or property damage from any cause whatsoever in whole or in part arising out of this Agreement or the activities contemplated hereunder.
19. Attorneys' Fees. In the event any lawsuit is initiated under this Agreement, and City is the prevailing party, Property Owner shall, except when prohibited by law, pay City's reasonable attorney fees and costs in connection with the lawsuit.
20. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and upon their respective successors and assigns.
21. Open Records. Property Owner understands that the City must comply with the state's open records laws, and will make all books and records pertaining to the City's façade improvement project available to the City for inspection, review and audit purposes at all reasonable times upon requests for records for the period of this agreement and for three (3) years thereafter.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

CITY OF MINOT

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shaun Sipma  
Its: Mayor

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA     )  
  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF WARD             )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_  
by Mayor Shaun Sipma on behalf of the City of Minot.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

PROPERTY OWNER

By:

\_\_\_\_\_

Its:

\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA    )  
  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF WARD            )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_Heather Speer\_ on behalf of The Mouse River Players, PROPERTY OWNER.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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**EXHIBIT A: PROMISSORY NOTE**

**Date: (Date of Disbursement)**

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, and in accordance with that certain Façade Improvement Program Loan Agreement by and between the City of Minot, North Dakota (hereinafter "City") and The Mouse River Players (hereinafter "Property Owner") effective the (date of disbursement) (the "Façade Loan Agreement"), Property Owner promises to pay to the order of City, at the times and in the manner hereinafter provided, the sum of **(NOT TO EXCEED \$63,998)** (Forgivable Loan) with no interest on or before **INSERT FAÇADE LOAN REPAYMENT** DATE (the "Façade Loan Repayment Date") as provided by the Façade Loan Agreement, the terms of which are incorporated and made part of this instrument; *provided*, however, in the event that the conditions specified in Section 3 of the Façade Loan Agreement are satisfied, the Loan payment shall be forgiven by City as if the payment due had been paid by Property Owner on its due date.

In the event of default in any payment due under this Note or in the event of default by Property Owner under the Façade Loan Agreement, then at the option of the holder of this Note, all of the amount then owing under this Note shall immediately become due and payable, with five days written notice to Property Owner, which hereby waives demand, presentment, notice of protest and notice of dishonor. The failure to assert this right shall not be deemed a waiver.

Property Owner shall have the right to prepay the obligation set forth in this Note in whole or in part at any time without penalty.

It is further understood that this Note is secured by a mortgage from The Mouse River Players in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Property Owner has caused this Note to be executed effective this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Heather Speer

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By: Heather Speer , Board President Authorized Member

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA            )  
COUNTY OF WARD                    )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf (INSERT PROPERTY OWNER).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**EXHIBIT B: MORTGAGE  
FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**EXHIBIT C: APPLICATION AND DESIGN DRAWINGS**

**(Please Attach here)**