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Authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to accept a historically -designated building from 2000 Arch Associates LP, which will move and reinstall the building in Aviator Park, 200 North 19th Street, to become part of the Fairmount Park system, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation, under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, 2000 Arch Associates LP (the "Owner") owns property, located at 2000 Arch Street, Philadelphia Pennsylvania ("2000 Arch Street"), on which a Gulf gas station building is situated along the west side of 20th Street, south of Arch Street (the "Station");

WHEREAS, the Station was built in 1930 and designated historic by the Philadelphia Historical Commission (the "Commission") in 1981;

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2021, the Commission approved, pursuant to Section 14-1005(6)(d) of The Philadelphia Code, that the Station has no feasible reuse in its location at 2000 Arch Street and that relocation of the Station is necessary in the public interest for the preservation and adaptive reuse of the historic resource;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commission's May 14, 2021, determination, the Owner desires to convey the Station to the City and relocate and reinstall the Station and other necessary improvements at 200 North 19th Street, commonly referred to as Aviator Park, at Owner's sole cost and expense, for the Station's historical preservation and beneficial accessory use to Aviator Park (the "Station Relocation"); and

WHEREAS, Aviator Park is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation (the "Department"), and the Department finds that the Station Relocation is in the public interest and will be an accessory benefit to Aviator Park and park's users; now, therefore,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The Commissioner of Public Property, on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, is hereby authorized to enter into any necessary agreements with the Owner, its successor or assigns, for the Station Relocation from 2000 Arch Street to Aviator Park pursuant to the terms and conditions substantially set forth in the document attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. This transaction is exempt from the requirements of Philadelphia Code Section 15-101 et. seq., commonly called the "Open Lands Protection Ordinance." This Ordinance does not create a regular exemption to the Open Lands Protection Ordinance, and the exemption granted by this Ordinance applies solely to the transaction authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. The Public Property Commissioner is authorized and directed to include in the City's agreement with the Owner the Economic Opportunity Plan, dated June 11, 2019, and attached as Exhibit B, as well as a requirement for the owner to complete all work authorized by this Ordinance in compliance with that plan.

SECTION 4. The City Solicitor is authorized to impose such terms and conditions on any agreements authorized by this Ordinance as the City Solicitor deems necessary and proper to protect the interest of the City of Philadelphia and to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.