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Presented by: Mrs. Thompson
Mr. Heitic

ORDINANCE NO. 64-2023

**TITLE: PTJWE CONSULTING LLC (TOP CRAFT)
CRA ABATEMENT**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, VIA THE PLANNING DIRECTOR, TO SUBMIT TO THE STATE OF OHIO A BUSINESS APPLICATION FOR TAX INCENTIVES ON BEHALF OF PTJWE CONSULTING LLC (TOP CRAFT) FOR A 100%, 15-YEAR TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE BUSINESS EXPANSION/IMPROVEMENTS TO 175 2ND STREET SW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Phil Eckinger, business owner of PTJWE Consulting (Top Craft), currently employs 16 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee. The proposed business expansion would allow him to move his second location, to Barberton potentially bringing up to 16 more employees to Barberton. The expansion will increase square footage of the current building by roughly 33,600 square feet and the overall investment would increase total capacity of the operation by roughly 80%.

WHEREAS, the original start date was estimated for March 20, 2023, but the project has been paused until the CRA is approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor, via the Planning Director, is hereby authorized and directed to submit to the State of Ohio a Business Application for Tax Incentives on behalf of PTJWE Consulting LLC (Top Craft) for a 100%, 15-year tax abatement for the business expansion/improvements to 175 2nd Street SW.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Barberton and the inhabitants thereof, to allow the contracts to be signed and building expansion to start in a timely manner, and provided it receives the approval of two-thirds of the members of Council, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval; otherwise to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved _____ 2023

Mayor