

Resolution

RESOLUTION

(Niagara Falls International Cuisine, Inc. Project)

A regular meeting of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the offices of the Agency located at 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One, Sanborn, New York on the 11th day of January, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairperson and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Jerald I. Wolfgang	First Vice Chairman
Kevin McCabe	Second Vice Chairman
William L. Ross	Secretary
Jason Krempa	Member
Clifford Scott	Member
Robert B. Cliffe	Member
Scott Brydges	Assistant Secretary

ABSENT:

Mark A. Onesi	Chairman
Maria V. Lopez	Member

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Susan C. Langdon	Executive Director
Andrea Klyczek	Assistant Director
Michael Dudley	Finance Manager
Caroline Caruso	Accounting Associate
Susan Barone	Grants & Operations Manager
Julie Lamoreaux	Administrative & Human Resource Officer
Jeremy Geartz	Project Manager
Mark Gabriele, Esq.	Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Krempa, seconded by Mr. Brydges, to wit:

Resolution No. 8.2.1

RESOLUTION OF THE NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF NIAGARA FALLS INTERNATIONAL CUISINE INC. WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DEFINED BELOW) TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE AGENCY FOR THE BENEFIT OF NIAGARA FALLS INTERNATIONAL CUISINE INC. OR AN ENTITY FORMED OR TO BE FORMED; (ii) PROVIDE SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR PURCHASES AND RENTALS RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE PROJECT; AND DESCRIBING THE FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE AGENCY.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 569 of the Laws of 1972 of the State of New York (the "Act"), **NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property and to issue its bonds as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, **NIAGARA FALLS INTERNATIONAL CUISINE, INC.** and/or an individual(s) or affiliate, subsidiary, or entity or entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the renovation of approximately 5,000 square feet of retail space within an approximately 72,000 square foot hotel for purposes of constructing a Moe's Southwest Grill Restaurant located at 333 Rainbow Boulevard in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York (the "Improvements"); and (B) the acquisition and installation in the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and collectively with the Improvements, the "Facility").

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the financial assistance that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Agency will (i) negotiate an agent and project agreement (the "Agent Agreement") whereby the Agency will designate the Company as its agent for the purpose of constructing and equipping the Project, and (ii) provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions consistent with the policies of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 862 of the Act, the Project constitutes a "retail" project and, as a result, in addition to the other requirements of the Act, prior to the Agency providing any financial assistance to the Project the Agency must determine if the Project is located in a "highly distressed area" as set term is defined in Section 862 of New York General Municipal Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Company has presented an application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and

(B) The Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and

(C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in Niagara County and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and

(D) The Project will not result in the removal of a civic, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries.

(E) Pursuant to Section 862 of the Act, the Project constitutes a "retail" project. Subject to documentation to be provided by the Company to the Agency, the Agency hereby finds that the Project is located in a highly distressed area as defined in Section 862 of the New York General Municipal Law.

Section 2. Based upon the representations and warranties made by the Company in its application for financial assistance, the Agency hereby authorizes and approves the Company, as its agent, to make purchases of goods and services relating to the Project and that would otherwise be subject to New York State and local sales and use tax in an amount up to \$370,000.00, which result in New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits ("sales and use tax exemption benefits") not to exceed \$29,600.00. The Agency agrees to consider any requests by the Company for increase to the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized by the Agency upon being provided with appropriate documentation detailing the additional purchases of property or services.

Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Agency may recover or recapture from the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any sales and use tax exemption benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; or (iv) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are taken in cases where the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project. As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must (i) cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands.

Section 3. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or the Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate the terms of an Agent Agreement, whereby the Agency appoints the Company as its agent to undertake the Project and to immediately provide sales tax exemption benefits for purchases and rentals related to the renovation, construction and equipping of the project.

Section 4. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 5. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mark A. Onesi	[]	[]	[]	[x]
Jerald I. Wolfgang	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Kevin McCabe	[x]	[]	[]	[]
William L. Ross	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Scott Brydges	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Robert B. Cliffe	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Maria V. Lopez	[]	[]	[]	[x]
Clifford Scott	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Jason Krempa	[x]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

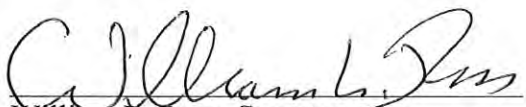
STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF NIAGARA)

I, the undersigned Secretary of Niagara County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on January 11, 2023 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 11th day of January, 2023.


William L. Ross, Secretary

Sales Tax Exempt Letter

Niagara County Industrial Development Agency

February 1, 2023

Niagara Falls International Cuisine Inc.
151 Buffalo Avenue
Niagara Falls, New York 14303

***Re: Niagara Falls International Cuisine Inc. -- Sales Tax Exemption Letter
Expiring December 31, 2023***

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to a resolution duly adopted on January 11, 2023, the **Niagara County Industrial Development Agency** (the "Agency") appointed **Niagara Falls International Cuisine Inc.** (the "Company") its' true and lawful agent to undertake a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the renovation of approximately 5,000 square feet of retail space within an approximately 72,000 square foot hotel for purposes of constructing a Moe's Southwest Grill Restaurant located at 333 Rainbow Boulevard in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York (the "Improvements"); and (B) the acquisition and installation in the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment" and collectively with the Improvements, the "Facility").

This appointment includes, and this letter evidences, authority to purchase on behalf of the Agency all materials to be incorporated into and made an integral part of the Facility and the following activities as they relate to any renovation, erection and completion of any buildings, whether or not any materials, equipment or supplies described below are incorporated into or become an integral part of such buildings: (1) all purchases, leases, rentals and other uses of tools, machinery and equipment in connection with the renovation and equipping, (2) all purchases, rentals, uses or consumption of supplies, materials, utilities and services of every kind and description used in connection with the renovation and equipping, and (3) all purchases, leases, rentals and uses of equipment, machinery and other tangible personal property (including installation costs), installed or placed in, upon or under such building or facility, including all repairs and replacements of such property.

This agency appointment includes the power to delegate such agency, in whole or in part to agents, subagents, contractors, subcontractors, contractors and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses including but not limited to the individuals and entities described on Schedule A attached hereto. The Company shall have the right to amend Schedule A from time to time and shall be responsible for maintaining an

accurate list of all parties acting as agent for the Agency. **The Company hereby agrees to complete "IDA Appointment of Project Operator or Agent For Sales Tax Purposes" (Form ST-60) for itself and each agent, subagent, contractor, subcontractor, contractors or subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses who provide materials, equipment, supplies or services and execute said form as agent for the Agency (or have the general contractor, if any or other designated subagent execute) and forward said form to the State Department of Taxation and Finance within thirty (30) days of appointment. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in loss of sales tax exemptions for the Facility.**

In exercising this appointment, the Company and/or Project Operator should give the supplier or vendor "IDA Agent or Operator Exempt Purchase Certificate" (NYS Form ST-123) to show that the Company and/or Project Operator is acting as agent for the Agency. The supplier or vendor should identify the Facility on each bill or invoice and indicate thereon that the Agency or Agent or Project Operator of the Agency was the purchaser. The Company's agents, subagents, contractors and subcontractors should give the supplier or vendor a copy of this letter to show that the Company, its agents, subagents, contractors and subcontractors are each acting as agent for the Agency. The supplier or vendor should identify the Facility on each bill or invoice and indicate thereon which of the Company, its agents, subagents, contractors and subcontractors acted as agent for the Agency in making the purchase. In order to be entitled to use this exemption, your contractor should present to the supplier or other vendor of materials for the Facility, a completed "Contractor Exempt Purchase Certificate" (NYS Form ST-120.1), checking box "(a)" and "(d)".

In addition, General Municipal Law §874(8) requires you to file an Annual Statement with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance on "Annual Report of Sales and Use Tax Exemptions" (Form ST-340) regarding the value of sales and use tax exemptions you, your agents, consultants or subcontractors have claimed pursuant to the agency we have conferred on you with respect to this project. The penalty for failure to file such statement is the removal of your authority to act as our agent. Upon each such annual filing, the Company shall, within thirty (30) days of each filing, provide a copy of the same to the Agency; provided, however, in no event later than February fifteen (15th) of each year.

The agency created by this letter is limited to the Facility, and will expire on December 31, 2023; *provided, however,* the exemption for leases executed prior to said date shall continue through the term or extended term of said lease and any acquisition of said leased property. You may apply to extend this agency authority by showing good cause.

This letter is being issued pursuant to the Agent and Financial Assistant and Project Agreement, dated February 1, 2023, by and between the Agency and the Company (the "Agent Agreement"). All agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project should be aware of the Agent Agreement and obtain a copy thereof.

This letter is provided for the sole purpose of securing exemption from New York State Sales and Use Taxes for this project only. No other principal/agent relationship is intended or may be implied or inferred by this letter.

With respect to registered vehicles acquired by the Company in name of the Agency, the Agency shall transfer title to such vehicles immediately back to the Company, or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable; and any personal property acquired by the Company in the name of the Agency shall be located in the City of Niagara Falls, New York, except for temporary periods during ordinary use.

Except to the extent of bond proceeds (to the extent bonds are issued by the Agency with respect to the Project), the Agency shall not be liable, either directly or indirectly or contingently, upon any such contract, agreement, invoice, bill or purchase order in any manner and to any extent whatsoever (including payment or performance obligations), and the Company shall be the sole party liable thereunder. By acceptance of this letter, the vendor hereby acknowledges the limitations on liability described herein.

Very truly yours,

NIAGARA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By: 
Name: Susan C. Langdon
Title: Executive Director

SCHEDULE A

LIST OF APPOINTED AGENTS¹

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

¹ FOR EACH AGENT APPOINTED BY THE COMPANY, A FORM ST-60 MUST BE COMPLETED AND FILED WITH NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCING INDICATING SUCH AGENT OF THE COMPANY.