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Property Tax Incentives Proposed for Three Commercial and Industrial Projects

Property tax incentives introduced today to City Council by Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot would support a trio of industrial and commercial redevelopment projects on the South and Southwest sides.

Griffith Food Inc., 4300 S. Morgan St.

A Class 6(b) tax incentive would support the \$3.9 million rehabilitation of an 84,174-square-foot industrial building in the Stockyard Industrial Corridor by Griffith Foods Inc., which makes customized seasonings, coatings, and sauces for the food industry. The work would include improvements to building's electric, mechanical and HVAC systems and enable the hire of up to 12 new positions. The company would also relocate a portion of its operations from Canada over the next two years. Tax savings over the 12-year period are estimated at \$560,000.

Sangamon Industrial LLC, 9206-20 S. Sangamon St./901 W. 91st St.

A Class 6(b) incentive would support the \$850,000 acquisition and rehabilitation of eight adjacent industrial buildings in Washington Heights by Sangamon Industrial LLC. The work would include upgrades to the buildings' facades, roofs, windows, mechanical systems and office spaces, and help seven existing tenants to add 90 new positions to 115 current positions. Savings over the 12-year period are estimated at \$2.1 million.

Gentner LLC, 2847 W. 47th Place

A Class 6(b) incentive would enable the \$1.3 million rehabilitation of a Brighton Park Industrial Corridor building for continued use as a custom furniture factory. The renovations to the 40,000-square-foot facility would include improvements to its roof and facade, among other features, enabling Gentner Fabrication Inc. to retain 19 jobs and add 10 new positions. Tax savings over the 12-year period are estimated at \$443,000.



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Landmark Status Proposed for Claremont Cottage District

A rare collection of 19 Queen Anne-style worker cottages on the Near West Side would be designated as an official City of Chicago Landmark district under a proposal submitted today to City Council.

Built in the late 1800s within the Tri-Taylor portion of the community, the “Claremont Cottages” on the 1000 block of south Claremont Avenue are distinctive for their high gabled roofs, overhanging eaves, carved wood brackets, oriel windows, patterned brick, carved stone, and colored glass, according to the Commission on Chicago Landmarks, which recommended the designation in October.

The 1.5-story structures were conceived and built as a speculative development by developers Turner and Bond based on a design catalog attributed to Chicago architect Cicero Hine.

The designation would protect the properties’ external features, including the rooflines, from significant alteration or demolition.

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Landmark Status Proposed for Mies van der Rohe’s Promontory Apartments

Promontory Apartments in Hyde Park would be designated as an official City Landmark under a Commission on Chicago Landmarks recommendation submitted today to City Council.

Built in 1949 at 5530-32 S. Shore Drive, the 22-story high-rise designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe’s is among the country’s first examples of the International Style of architecture. The building’s simple, “less is more” design and materials forgo traditional stylistic forms and ornamentation in favor of exposed concrete columns and beams, brick and glass walls, and a glass-walled lobby. Developed by Herb Greenwald, the building was the first high-rise residential buildings to be constructed in Chicago since the start of the Great Depression.

The landmark designation, which was recommended by the Landmarks Commission in October, would protect the building’s exteriors and lobby from significant alteration or demolition.



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