

ORDINANCE NO. 2013- 38

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT WITH THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS VINELAND LODGE #1422 FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 4001, LOT 20 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF VINELAND.

WHEREAS, the VDC, a Corporation of the City of Vineland, 640 E. Wood Street, Vineland, New Jersey, is the owner of certain property located in the Redevelopment Area of the City known as Block 4001, Lot 20 (Property); and

WHEREAS, the Property has historical significance in that it was the location of the Reliance Fire Department which served the Borough of Vineland before its merger with Landis Township to become the City of Vineland; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan called for the renovation of the Property as a fire museum recognizing the rich history of volunteer services of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the Benevolent and Protection Order of Elks, Vineland Lodge #1422 (Elks) is a National Non-Profit Organization dedicated to educating our children, Veterans Programs, Youth Activities and Community Investments Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Elks are seeking a location for their Vineland Lodge and are interested in the acquisition of the Property from the VDC to utilize the same in accordance with their professed community programs; and

WHEREAS, the Elks will provide much needed civic assistance and the site will assist in this need and the Elks have agreed to allow the use of the first floor of the Property as a fire museum to be open to the public as agreed upon by and between the City of Vineland and the Elks; and

WHEREAS, the Elks has agreed to make certain payments to the City to assist in the cost of municipal services otherwise paid through collection of local taxes enjoyed by ownership of the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Vineland as follows:

1. The Elks Vineland Lodge #1422 shall pay in lieu of taxes (PILOT) ten (10%) percent of their annual gross revenues which shall be defined as all revenues collected during the fiscal year less revenues generated by donations and fund raisers utilized for charitable purposes and building operating costs. Revenue shall include but not be limited to membership fees and sales of food and beverages.
2. The Elks shall provide any and all books, ledgers or other methods of calculations as well as other requested financial information as well as the calculation of the payment on or before February of each year commencing the first February subsequent to the issuance of a CO or TCO.
3. Notwithstanding anything herein provided the payment shall not be less than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars or more than five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars per year or any prorated calculation depending upon the date of the issuance of the CO or TCO.

Passed first reading:

Passed final reading:

President of Council

Approved by the Mayor:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk