

**Memorandum of Agreement
Submitted to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800
Regarding the proposed demolition and redevelopment of the
Fisk Tire/Uniroyal site, 154 Grove Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts**

WHEREAS, the City of Chicopee, by and through the Office of Community Development, proposes to use Community Development Block Grant funds from the US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development to remove a public safety hazard, reduce blight and encourage appropriate development at the former Fisk Tire / Uniroyal plant at 154 Grove St. in Chicopee Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Historical Commission, in its capacity as the State Historic Preservation Office, has determined that the Fisk Tire / Uniroyal complex is eligible for listing on the State and National Registers of Historic Places under criterion A (industrial history); and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicopee has submitted a plan to demolish Buildings 7, 8, 15, 27, 28, 33, 42, and 43 at the Fisk Tire / Uniroyal plant due to severe structural instability; environmental contamination; and documented infeasibility for reuse; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicopee has consulted with the Massachusetts Historical Commission pursuant 36 CFR Part 800, regulations seeking to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects on historic properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicopee has determined that the proposed action by the City of Chicopee will have an adverse effect through the demolition of historic properties (36 CFR Part 800); and

WHEREAS, the Chicopee Historical Commission has participated in the consultation and has been invited to concur in this Memorandum of Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed that no feasible or prudent alternative to demolition exists that would avoid or minimize the adverse effect of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Chicopee (City) and the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on the historic properties.

Stipulations

The City of Chicopee will ensure the following measures are carried out:

1. **DEMOLITION** - The City of Chicopee shall be permitted to move forward with the demolition of Buildings 7, 8, 15, 27, 28, 33, 42 and 43 (only) immediately upon execution of this Memorandum of Agreement.
2. **ENCOURAGE REUSE OF BUILDINGS #25 AND #26** - The City of Chicopee shall encourage the reuse of the remaining two buildings in the complex, Building #25 and Building #26, in the request for developer interest and subsequent development proposal(s).
3. **REDEVELOPMENT REVIEW** - At such time the City of Chicopee is prepared to solicit requests for developer interest or development proposals for the Fisk Tire / Uniroyal site redevelopment, the City shall provide MHC the opportunity to review and comment on the solicitation, and provide input on its stated goals and objectives for redevelopment.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - If at any time during the implementation of the measures stipulated in this agreement, a written objection should be submitted to the City of Chicopee by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Chicopee Historical Commission or a member of the public, the City shall take the objection into account and may consult with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Chicopee Historical Commission or the objecting party as needed to resolve the objection

Execution and acceptance of this Memorandum of Agreement by an authorized representative of the City of Chicopee and the Massachusetts Historical Commission and implementation of its terms shall constitute evidence that the City has afforded MHC the opportunity to comment on the proposed project and its effect on historic properties and that the City has taken into account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties in compliance with 36 CFR Part 800.

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5/18/11

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Chicopee Historical Commission