

RESOLUTION

No. 28256

**A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE 1400 CHESTNUT, LLC PROJECT, TO DELEGATE CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 48-101-312(b) the City of Chattanooga (the “City”) is permitted to delegate to The Health, Educational, and Housing Facility Board of the City of Chattanooga (the “Board”) the authority to negotiate and accept payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes from lessees of the Board upon a finding by the City that such payments are deemed to be in furtherance of the Board’s public purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, 1400 Chestnut, LLC (the “Company”) is contemplating the construction of apartments and other related facilities and improvements in downtown Chattanooga, to provide for approximately two hundred (200) residential units (collectively, the “Project”), and because of the substantial economic benefits to the City and Hamilton County resulting from the Project, has asked the Board, the City Council and the County Commission to approve payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes from such a project would be in furtherance of the Board’s public purposes as set forth within Chapter 101 of Title 48 of the Tennessee Code Annotated;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS COUNCIL:**

That we do hereby find that the Project is in the best interest of the City, and that payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes derived therefrom would be in furtherance of the Board’s public purposes; and

That, having made such a finding in this instance, we do hereby delegate to the Board the authority to negotiate and accept payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes from the Company; provided that commercial and/or retail space shall not be eligible for a freeze of in lieu of tax payments, and it being further noted that this delegation is for this purpose and this project only; and

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement for Payments In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes in substantially the form attached hereto, with such changes thereto as he shall approve; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**TO AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES**

REAL PROPERTY

[INSERT LEGAL DESCRIPTION]

PERSONAL PROPERTY

All personal property used by the Company in connection with its housing facility located on the real property described above.

This Instrument Prepared By:  
Phillip A. Noblett, Deputy City Attorney  
100 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

## LEASE AGREEMENT

**THIS LEASE AGREEMENT**, made and entered as of this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, by and between **THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE** (the “Board”), a public corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the State of Tennessee, and **1400 CHESTNUT, LLC** (the “Company”), a [Tennessee] limited liability company.

### WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the respective covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, the Board and the Company agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

##### DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 Definitions. The following terms when used in this Agreement, unless the context shall clearly indicate another or different meaning or intent, shall be construed as follows:

“Act” means Chapter 333 of the Public Acts of 1969, as codified in Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 48-101-301 et seq., as heretofore amended and as hereafter amended from time to time.

“Act of Bankruptcy” means the filing of a petition in bankruptcy (or other commencement of a bankruptcy or similar proceeding) by or against the Company or the Board under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or similar law as now or hereafter in effect.

“Agreement” means this Lease Agreement as it now exists and as it may hereafter be amended.

“Board” means The Health, Educational and Housing Facility Board of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, a public corporation duly created and existing under the Act, and its successors and assigns.

“City” means the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

“County” means Hamilton County, Tennessee.

The terms “default” and “event of default” mean any occurrence or event specified in Section 10.01 hereof.

The term “pending” with respect to any proceedings commenced by an Act of Bankruptcy means that such proceedings have not been dismissed, or are subject to further appeal.

“PILOT Agreement” means the Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes entered into by and among the Board, the Company, the City and the County.

“Project” means the multi-family rental housing project located on the Property.

“Property” means the real and personal property described in **Exhibit “A”** attached hereto, together with additions thereto, replacements thereof and substitutions therefor.

## ARTICLE II

### CERTIFICATIONS

Section 2.01 Certifications by Board. The Board makes the following certifications as the basis for the undertakings on its part herein contained:

(a) The Board is a public corporation of the State of Tennessee, duly organized and existing under the provisions of the Act. The Act authorizes the Board to acquire real and personal property constituting a “Project” under the Act.

(b) The Board has found and does hereby declare that the Project constitutes “multi-family housing facilities” qualifying as a “Project” under the Act and that the acquisition of the Project and the leasing of the same to the Company will be in furtherance of the public purposes for which the Board was created.

(c) The Board has been induced to enter into this undertaking by the promise of the Company to operate a housing facility in the State of Tennessee.

(d) There are no actions, suits, proceedings, inquiries or investigations pending, or to the knowledge of the Board threatened, against or affecting the Board in any court or before any governmental authority or arbitration board or tribunal, which involve the possibility of materially and adversely affecting the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or which, in any way, would materially and adversely affect the validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any agreement or instrument to which the Board is a party and which is used or contemplated for use in the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.

Section 2.02 Certifications by Company. The Company makes the following certifications as the basis for the undertakings on its part herein contained:

(a) The Company is a [Tennessee] limited liability company duly formed under the laws of the State of [Tennessee], is in good standing under Tennessee law, has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform all obligations contained herein and therein, and has, by proper action, been duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement and, when executed and delivered by the parties thereto, this Agreement will constitute the valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms.

(b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein by the Company, nor the fulfillment of or compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, does or will conflict with or result in a breach of the terms, conditions or provisions of any restriction or internal governing document of the Company or any agreement or instrument to which the Company is now a party or by which it is bound, or any existing law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree to which it is subject, or constitutes a default under any of the foregoing or, except as contemplated hereby, results in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance whatsoever upon any of the property or assets of the Company under the terms of any instrument or agreement.

(c) There are no proceedings pending, or to the knowledge of the Company threatened, against or affecting the Company in any court or before any governmental authority, arbitration board or tribunal which involve the possibility of materially and adversely affecting the properties, business, prospects, profits or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Company, or the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Company is not in default with respect to an order of any court, governmental authority, arbitration board or tribunal.

(d) No event has occurred and no condition exists with respect to the Company that would constitute an “event of default” under this Agreement, or which, with the lapse of time or with the giving of notice, or both, would become such an “event of default.”

### ARTICLE III

#### LEASING CLAUSES; WARRANTY OF TITLE

Section 3.01 Lease of Property. The Board hereby leases to the Company, and the Company hereby leases from the Board, the Property, for the consideration set forth in Section 5.03 hereof and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 3.02 Title. The Board will obtain upon the acquisition thereof good and marketable title to the Property, free from all encumbrances.

Section 3.03 Quiet Enjoyment. The Board covenants and agrees that it will warrant and defend the Company in the quiet enjoyment and peaceable possession of the Property, free from all claims of all persons whatsoever, throughout the Lease Term, so long as the Company shall perform the covenants, conditions and agreements to be performed by it hereunder, or so long as the period for remedying any default in such performance shall not have expired. If the Board

shall at any time be called upon to defend the title to said property as aforesaid, it shall not be required to incur any costs or expenses in connection therewith unless indemnified to its satisfaction against all such costs and expenses.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF PROPERTY

Section 4.01 Agreement to Acquire, Construct and Install Project. The Company agrees that:

- (a) It will cause title in and to the Property to be vested in the Board.
- (b) It will acquire, construct and install the Project in the name of and on behalf of the Board.
- (c) It will complete the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project as promptly as practicable.

#### ARTICLE V

##### EFFECTIVE DATE; DURATION OF LEASE TERM; CONSIDERATION

Section 5.01 Effective Date of this Agreement; Duration of Lease Term. This Agreement shall become effective upon its delivery, and the leasehold estate created hereunder shall then begin, and, subject to the other provisions of this Agreement, shall expire at midnight, December 31, 2030.

Section 5.02 Delivery and Acceptance of Possession. The Board agrees to deliver to the Company sole and exclusive possession of the Project, and the Company agrees to accept possession of the Project upon such delivery.

Section 5.03 Consideration for Lease. In consideration of the lease granted hereunder the Company agrees to:

- (a) Acquire, construct and install the Project as described in Section 4.01 hereof;
- (b) Operate the Project as a multi-family housing facility for its own benefit and for the benefit of the citizens of the County and the City; and
- (c) Make the payments required of it under the PILOT Agreement.

## ARTICLE VI

### MAINTENANCE: MODIFICATION: TAXES AND INSURANCE

Section 6.01 Maintenance and Modification of Property by Company. The Company agrees that throughout the term of this Agreement it will, at its own expense, keep the Property (i) in as reasonably safe condition as its operations shall permit, and (ii) in good repair and in good operating condition, normal wear and tear and obsolescence excepted, making from time to time all necessary repairs thereto and renewals and replacements thereof.

Section 6.02 Removal of Personal Property Included in Project. The Board shall not be under any obligation to renew, repair or replace any inadequate, obsolete, worn-out, unsuitable, undesirable or unnecessary personal property constituting a part of the Project. In any instance where the Company in its sole discretion determines that any items of such personal property have become inadequate, obsolete, worn-out, unsuitable, undesirable or unnecessary, the Company may remove such items of personal property and (on behalf of the Board) sell, trade-in, exchange or otherwise dispose of them (as a whole or in part) without any responsibility or accountability to the Board therefor.

Section 6.03 Taxes, Other Governmental Charges and Utility Charges. The Board and the Company acknowledge that under present law the Project will be exempt from taxation in the State of Tennessee. The Company will pay, as the same become lawfully due and payable, (i) all taxes and governmental charges of any kind whatsoever upon or with respect to the Project and (ii) all utility and other charges incurred in the operation, maintenance, use, occupancy and upkeep of the Project.

The Company may, at its own expense and in its own name, in good faith contest any such taxes, assessments or other charges and, in the event of any such contest, may permit the taxes, assessments or other charges so contested to remain unpaid during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom. The Board will cooperate fully with the Company in any such contest.

Section 6.04 Maintenance of Insurance. Throughout the term of this Agreement, the Company shall keep the Property continuously insured against such risks as are customarily insured against with respect to property similar to the Property by businesses of like size and type (other than business interruption insurance), paying as the same become due all premiums in respect thereto.

Section 6.05 Indemnification of Board. The Company shall and hereby agrees to indemnify and save the Board and its officers, directors, agents, servants and employees harmless from and against all claims by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation arising from the conduct or management of, or from any work or thing done on, the Property during the term of this Agreement, and against and from all claims arising during the term of this Agreement, from

- (a) any condition of the Property caused by the Company;

(b) any breach or default on the part of the Company in the performance of any its obligations under this Agreement; and

(c) any act of negligence of the Company or of any agents, contractors, servants, employees or licensees of the Company or of any assignee or sublessee of the Company.

The Company shall indemnify and save the Board and its officers, directors, agents, servants and employees harmless from and against all costs and expenses incurred in or in connection with any action or proceeding brought thereon, and, upon notice from the Board, the Company shall defend the Board and any such officer, director, agent, servant or employee or any of them in any such action or proceeding.

Section 6.06 Board Expenses. In addition to other payments required to be made by the Company hereunder, the Company shall pay any reasonable expenses not specifically mentioned herein which are incurred by the Board in connection with the Property or this Agreement.

Section 6.07 Depreciation and Investment Credit. The Board covenants and agrees that depreciation expenses and investment tax credit, if any, with respect to the Project shall be made available to the Company, and the Board will fully cooperate with the Company in any effort by the Company to avail itself of any such depreciation expenses or investment tax credit, but the Board shall have no responsibility or liability for failure of the Company to receive any such expenses or credits.

## ARTICLE VII

### DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION AND CONDEMNATION

Section 7.01 Damage and Destruction. If during the term hereof the Property is damaged by fire or other casualty, the Board shall cause the proceeds received by it from insurance to be paid to the Company for application in one or both of the following ways, as shall be determined by the Company:

- (a) Repair, rebuilding or restoration of the property damaged.
- (b) Reimbursement to the Company for loss in value of its interest in the Property.

Section 7.02 Condemnation of Property. If title in and to, or the temporary use of, the Property or any part thereof shall be taken under the exercise of the power of eminent domain by any governmental body or by any person, firm or corporation acting under governmental authority, the Board shall cause the proceeds received by it from any award made in such eminent domain proceeding to be paid to the Company for application in one or more of the following ways, as shall be determined by the Company:



(a) Restoration of the Property to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the exercise of said power of eminent domain.

(b) Acquisition, by construction or otherwise, of other property having substantially the same use and utility as the property taken in such proceedings (which property will be deemed a part of the Property available for use by the Company under this Agreement).

(c) Reimbursement to the Company for loss in value of its interest in the Property.

The Board shall cooperate fully with the Company in the handling and conduct of any prospective or pending eminent domain proceeding with respect to the Property or any part thereof and shall, to the extent it may lawfully do so, permit the Company to litigate in any such proceeding in the name and on behalf of the Board. In no event will the Board voluntarily settle, or consent to the settlement of, any prospective or pending eminent domain proceeding with respect to the Property or any part thereof without the written consent of the Company.

## ARTICLE VIII

### SPECIAL COVENANTS

Section 8.01 No Warranty of Condition or Suitability by Board. The Board makes no warranty, either express or implied, as to the condition of the Property or that it will be suitable for the purposes or needs of the Company. The Company releases the Board from, agrees that the Board shall not be liable for, and agrees to hold the Board and its officers, directors, agents, servants and employees harmless against, any loss or damage to property or any injury to or death of any person that may be occasioned by any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Property or the use thereof. The members of the Board of Directors of the Board shall incur no liability either individually or collectively by reason of the obligations undertaken by the Board hereunder.

Section 8.02 Identification of Personal Property Included in Project. The Company will at all times maintain in its permanent records a complete list of the personal property constituting a part of the Project, which will specifically identify each item of such personal property as being property of the Board.

## ARTICLE IX

### ASSIGNMENT, SUBLEASING, DEVELOPMENT AND SELLING

Section 9.01 Assignment. This Agreement may be only assigned, as a whole or in part, by the Company without the prior written consent of the Board if:

(a) The Company is permitted to assign the PILOT Agreement in accordance with its terms as set forth in Paragraph 15 of the PILOT Agreement;

(b) The assignee shall assume all obligations of the Company hereunder to the extent of the interest assigned and shall provide documentation and information to the Board, as required under Paragraph 15 of the PILOT Agreement; and

(c) The Company and/or assignee shall, within thirty (30) days after the execution and delivery thereof, furnish or cause to be furnished to the Board a true and complete copy of each such assignment and assumption of obligation, as the case may be.

Upon satisfaction of the requirements of this Section, the assignment shall relieve the Company from further liability for any of its obligations hereunder as of the effective date of the assignment.

Section 9.02 Subleasing. The Company may sublease all or a portion of the Property without the prior written consent of the Board; provided that any such sublease shall not relieve the Company from its obligations under this Agreement or the PILOT Agreement, and such obligations shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9.03 Financing Approvals and Consents. The Board shall cooperate with the Company, to the extent reasonable and at no additional cost to the Board, in consummating any financing related to the Project, the Property or other improvements on the Property. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Chairman of the Board, or the Chairman's designee, may, upon the Company's request, enter into or consent to such documents as are necessary to consummate such financing including, without limitation, deeds of trust, estoppel certificates, subordination and non-disturbance agreements, affidavits and certificates, provided that any such documents are expressly non-recourse to the Board beyond its interest in the Property. Any such document shall further be subject to the provisions of Section 8.01 with respect to the immunities provided to members of the Board.

Section 9.04 Cooperation. The Board shall cooperate with the Company, to the extent reasonable and at no additional cost to the Board, in connection with development approvals and requirements and related activities for the Project and the development of the Property. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Chairman of the Board, or the Chairman's designee, may, upon the Company's request, execute zoning, rezoning and variance applications and any subdivision plats, easements or other documents as may be required or useful in connection with the Project or the development of the Property, provided that any such documents are expressly non-recourse to the Board beyond its interest in the Property. Any such document shall further be subject to the provisions of Section 8.01 with respect to the immunities provided to members of the Board.

Section 9.05 Restrictions on Sale of Property by Board. The Board agrees that, except for transactions effected in accordance with Section 11.03 hereof and except as requested by the Company, it will not sell, assign, mortgage, transfer or convey the Property during the Lease Term or create or suffer to be created any debt, lien or charge on the rents, revenues or receipts arising out of or in connection with its ownership of the Property, and it will not take any other action which may reasonably be construed as tending to cause or induce the levy or assessment of ad valorem taxes; provided, that if the laws of the State of Tennessee at the time shall permit,

nothing contained in this Section shall prevent the consolidation of the Board with, or merger into, or transfer of the Property as an entirety to, any public corporation whose property and income are not subject to taxation and which has corporate authority to carry on the business of owning, leasing and selling of the Property; provided that such consolidation, merger or transfer shall be authorized by the governing body of the State of Tennessee.

## ARTICLE X

### EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 10.01 Events of Default Defined. The following shall be “events of default” under this Agreement, and the terms “event of default” or “default” shall mean, whenever they are used in this Agreement, any one or more of the following events:

(a) Failure by the Board or the Company to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed, for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied is given to one party by the other, unless the one giving notice shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration. If a failure under this Section 10.01(a) is such that it can be corrected but not within the applicable period, it shall not constitute an event of default if appropriate corrective action is instituted within the applicable period and diligently pursued until the default is corrected.

(b) A voluntary Act of Bankruptcy or an Act of Bankruptcy which, if resulting from the filing or commencement of involuntary proceedings against the Company or the Board, is not dismissed or discharged within sixty (60) days of the filing or commencement thereof.

The foregoing provisions of subsection (a) of this Section are subject to the following limitations: if by reasons of force majeure, the Board or the Company is unable in whole or in part to carry out the agreements on its part herein referred to, the failure to perform such agreements due to such inability shall not constitute an event of default nor shall it become an event of default upon appropriate notification or the passage of this stated period of time. The term “force majeure” as used herein shall mean, without limitation, the following: acts of God; strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances; act of public enemies; orders of any kind of the government of the United States of America or of the State of Tennessee or any of their respective departments, agencies, political subdivisions or officials, or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots; epidemics; landslides; lightning; earthquakes; fires, hurricanes, tornadoes; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; arrests; restraint of government and people; civil disturbances; explosions; breakage or accident to machinery, transmission pipes or canals; partial or entire failure of utilities; or any other cause or event not reasonably within the control of the Board or the Company. The Board and the Company agree, however, to remedy with all reasonable dispatch the cause or causes preventing it from carrying out its agreements; provided, that the settlement of strikes, lockouts and other industrial disturbances shall be entirely within the discretion of the Board or the Company, as the case may be and the Board and the Company shall not be required to make settlement of strikes, lockouts and other industrial disturbances by

acceding to the demands of the opposing party or parties when such course is, in the judgment of the Board or the Company, unfavorable to it.

Section 10.02 Remedies on Default. Whenever any event of default referred to in Section 10.01 hereof shall have occurred and be subsisting, the Board or the Company, as the case may be, may take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to enforce performance and observance of any obligation, agreement, or covenant under this Agreement including, without limitation, termination of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE XI

### OPTIONS IN FAVOR OF COMPANY

Section 11.01 Options to Terminate. The Company shall have the following options to cancel or terminate the term of this Agreement:

(a) At any time, the Company may terminate the Lease Term by giving written notice to the Board of such termination.

(b) At any time, the Company may terminate this Agreement as to a part of the Property by giving written notice to the Board of such termination, and such termination shall forthwith become effective as to that part of the Property.

Section 11.02 Option to Purchase Property. Upon termination or expiration of the Lease Term or termination of this Agreement as to a part of the Property, the Company shall have, and is hereby granted, the option to purchase the Property or that part of the Property as to which the Agreement has been terminated, as the case may be, for the purchase price, in each case, of One Dollar (\$1.00). This option may be exercised whether or not the Company is in default hereunder.

Section 11.03 Conveyance on Exercise of Option. Upon exercise of the option granted above, the Board will, upon receipt of the purchase price, deliver to the Company documents conveying to the Company title to the Property or part of the Property, as the case shall be, by appropriate deeds and bills of sale, subject only to

(a) those liens and encumbrances, if any, to which title to said property was subject when conveyed to the Board;

(b) those liens and encumbrances created by or with the consent of the Company; and

(c) those liens and encumbrances resulting from the failure of the Company to perform or observe any of the agreements on its part contained in this Agreement.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Board and the Company have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in their respective corporate names, all as of the date first above written.

THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND  
HOUSING FACILITY BOARD OF THE CITY  
OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

1400 CHESTNUT, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON

Personally appeared before me, \_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that they executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained, and who further acknowledged that they are the Chairman and Secretary of the Maker, THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, and are authorized by the Maker to execute this instrument on behalf of the Maker.

WITNESS my hand, at office, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF HAMILTON

Personally appeared before me, \_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public, \_\_\_\_\_, with whom I am personally acquainted, and who acknowledged that (s)he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained, and who further acknowledged that (s)he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Maker, 1400 CHESTNUT, LLC a [Tennessee] limited liability company, and is authorized by the Maker to execute this instrument on behalf of the Maker.

WITNESS my hand, at office, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT “A”  
TO LEASE**

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[INSERT LEGAL DESCRIPTION]

**PERSONAL PROPERTY**

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