CHAPTER 380 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS AND SMITTY’S OUTDOORS, LLC.

This Agreement is made to be effective on the 1st day of January, 2020 by and between the City of Bryan, Texas, a home-rule municipal corporation (“City”) and Smitty’s Outdoors, LLC, a limited liability company operating pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas (“Smitty’s”).

WHEREAS, the Texas Constitution prohibits any City, or other political subdivision, from lending its credit or granting public money to any individual, association or corporation whatsoever without a valid public purpose for doing so; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Constitution specifically states that economic development programs created pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code serve the public purpose of alleviating poverty, joblessness, economic blight, and provide other intangible benefits incidental to the development of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Smitty’s has purchased and/or has under contract to purchase 1600 South College Avenue, which consists of two parcels that have been operated as a night club and a convenience store/gas station, respectively (individually referred to as “1600A” for the night club and “1600B” for the convenience store and collectively referred to as the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the City has received numerous complaints about excessive noise and other public nuisances associated with the Property and believes there is a public interest in the redevelopment of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently undergoing a movement to redevelop and reinvigorate the Bryan Midtown area, and a pillar of that project is the clean-up and redevelopment of properties along College Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Smitty’s is willing to invest substantial amounts to redevelop the Property, including $750,000 in improvements to 1600A and the redevelopment of 1600B as part of a long-term master plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that supporting this project will encourage sustainable job growth in the City, remove blighted properties, abate nuisances, and otherwise substantially aid in the redevelopment of this corridor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, City and Smitty’s agree as follows:

A. **Smitty’s Obligations**

1. Smitty’s will complete the purchase of 1600B within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Agreement. During the term of this Agreement, Smitty’s will keep the Property in good condition, which for the purposes of this Agreement means that the Property will be kept free of public nuisances and/or will respond promptly when notified of same by the City. Smitty’s shall keep the
ad valorem taxes assessed on the Property (including real and personal property) from becoming delinquent.

2. Smitty's agrees to invest at least $750,000 in the redevelopment of the Property, including improvements to 1600A and 1600B. Smitty's agrees to keep the Property free of public nuisances as required by City Ordinances.

3. Smitty's agrees to complete the redevelopment of 1600A within twelve months (12) months of the effective date of this agreement. For the purposes of this Agreement, completion of the redevelopment means that a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by the City. Smitty's agrees to provide documentation of invoices paid as verification of the $750,000 in investment within ninety (90) days of issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

B. City’s Obligations

4. The City agrees to fast track the development process and will waive all construction permit fees (building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing). Fees associated with connection to water, sewer, and electric utilities are not included within this waiver.

5. Subject to annual appropriation by the City Council for same, the City agrees to grant Smitty’s $100,000 in accordance with the following terms:

   a. The City agrees to grant Smitty’s $50,000, upon request, at Closing of 1600B Property. To receive payment, Smitty’s shall provide two (2) weeks’ notice of the scheduled date of Closing, and will instruct the title company to provide the City with evidence that the deed was recorded in the Official Records of Brazos County, Texas. Upon receipt of such documentation a check will be tendered to Smitty’s.

   b. The City agrees to grant Smitty’s an additional $50,000, upon request, within thirty days (30) days of receiving a certificate of occupancy for 1600A. To receive payment, Smitty’s shall submit a written request for payment along with proof of certificate of occupancy.

6. If Smitty’s fails to timely submit a request for payment under section B(5) of this Agreement, the right to the applicable portion of the grant shall be forfeited.

C. Breach, & Recapture

7. It is a breach of this Agreement if:

   a. 1600B has not been purchased within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Agreement;
   b. the taxes become delinquent on the Property;
   c. Smitty’s, or its assigns, violates a State law or City Ordinance and such violation is not promptly remedied; or
   d. Smitty’s fails to obtain a certificate of occupancy for 1600A within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Agreement and/or fails to provide documentation of $750,000 of investment as required by section B(5)(b).

8. To qualify as a breach of this Agreement, a violation of State law or City Ordinance must result in a conviction or deferred adjudication, however the date of the breach shall be the date of the violation itself.
9. In the event of a breach of this Agreement, the City may give Smitty's notice of the breach and thirty (30) days to cure same. If the breach is not cured within that time, Smitty's shall be in default of this Agreement. The City shall be relieved of any further obligations under this Agreement and Smitty's shall be required to repay the City the value of the waived permit fees, and any grants already paid. The City's right to recapture is effective without need for further notice or demand.

D. Façade Improvements and Life Safety Grant

10. City agrees to grant Smitty's an additional combined total amount of up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) as a reimbursement for qualified façade and life safety improvements made by Smitty's to the Property under the terms and conditions of the Corridor Beautification Partnership (Resolution No.3850) and the Life Safety Grant Program (Resolution No. 3853). Smitty's shall follow the application, approval and payment processes of said programs, excluding additional City Council approval. Payment of these grants are contingent upon Smitty’s being in compliance with the terms, conditions, and benchmarks set forth in this Agreement.

E. Miscellaneous

11. Texas Government Code Chapter 2264. In accordance with Chapter 2264 of the Texas Government Code, Smitty’s agrees not to employ any person who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States or who is not authorized under law to be employed in the United States ("Undocumented Worker"). During the term of this Agreement, Smitty’s shall notify City of any complaint brought against Smitty’s alleging that Smitty’s has employed Undocumented Workers. If Smitty’s is convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a(f), the total amount of economic development grants it has received pursuant to this Agreement, together with interest at the rate of 5% per annum from the date of each payment of an economic development grant, shall be repaid by Smitty’s to the City not later than the 120th day after the date the City notifies Smitty’s of the violation. Smitty’s shall not be liable for a violation of Chapter 2264 by a subsidiary, affiliate, or franchisee, or by a person with whom Smitty’s contracts.

12. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties to it and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns. Smitty’s shall not assign this Agreement without the written approval of the City Council. An assignment to a subsidiary or affiliate company of Smitty’s shall not be prohibited under the section.

13. Notices. Any notices sent under this Agreement shall be deemed served when delivered via certified mail, return receipt requested to the addresses designated herein or as may be designated in writing by the parties. Notice shall be given to the following:

If to City:  
City Manager  
City of Bryan  
P.O. Box 1000  
Bryan, Texas 77805

If to Smitty's:  
Mr. Jason Smith  
Smitty's Outdoors, LLC.  
1600 S College Avenue
14. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future laws effective while this Agreement is in effect, such provision shall be automatically deleted from this Agreement and the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and in lieu of such deleted provision, there shall be added as part of this Agreement a provision that is legal, valid and enforceable and that is as similar as possible in terms and substance as possible to the deleted provision.

15. **Texas law to apply.** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable by the parties in the City of Bryan, Texas. Venue for any litigation arising under this Agreement shall be in a court of appropriate jurisdiction in Brazos County, Texas.

16. **Sole Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the sole and only Agreement of the Parties hereto respecting the subject matter covered by this Agreement, and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties.

17. **Amendments.** No amendment, modification or alteration of the terms hereof shall be binding unless the same shall be in writing and dated subsequent to the date hereof and duly executed by the parties hereto.

18. **Rights and Remedies Cumulative.** The rights and remedies provided by this Agreement are cumulative and the use of any one right or remedy by either party shall not preclude or waive its right to use any and all other legal remedies. Said rights and remedies are provided in addition to any other rights the parties may have by law, statute, ordinance or otherwise.

19. **No Waiver.** City’s failure to take action to enforce this Agreement in the event of Smitty’s default or breach of any covenant, condition, or stipulation herein on one occasion shall not be treated as a waiver and shall not prevent City from taking action to enforce this Agreement on subsequent occasions.

20. **Incorporation of Recitals.** The determinations recited and declared in the preambles to this Agreement are hereby incorporated herein as part of this Agreement.

21. **Incorporation of Exhibits.** All exhibits to this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes wherever reference is made to the same.

22. **Headings.** The paragraph headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience only and do not enlarge or limit the scope or meaning of the paragraphs.

23. **Duplicate Originals.** The parties may execute this Agreement in duplicate originals, each of equal dignity. If the parties sign this Agreement on different dates, the later date shall be the effective date of this Agreement for all purposes.

24. **Interpretive Rules.** Words of any gender used in this Contract shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular number shall be held to include the plural and vice versa, unless the context requires otherwise. Days shall mean calendar days unless otherwise expressly stated. If any deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline shall be extended to the next business day.
Executed and effective on this the 9th day of March, 2020.

CITY OF BRYAN:

Andrew Nelson, Mayor

SMITTY'S OUTDOORS, LLC:

Mr. Jason Smith, President

ATTEST:

Mary Lynne Stratta, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jannis K. Hampton, City Attorney