

CITY OF UTICA URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

TRAVEL POLICY

Section 1. **APPILICABILITY**

 This policy shall apply to every member of the board (the “Board”) of City of Utica Urban Renewal Agency (the “Agency”) and all officers and employees thereof.

Section 2. **APPROVAL of TRAVEL**

 All official travel for which a reimbursement will be sought must be approved by the Executive Director prior to such travel. Provided, however, in the instance where the Executive Director will seek reimbursement for official travel, such travel must be pre-authorized by the Chairman of the Agency.

Section 3. **PAYMENT of TRAVEL**

 The Agency will reimburse all reasonable expenses related to meals, travel and lodging that were incurred by any director, officer or employee as a result of the performance of their official duties. All official travel shall be properly authorized, reported and reimbursed. Under no circumstances shall expenses for personal travel be charged to, or temporarily funded by the Agency. It is the traveler’s responsibility to report his or her travel expenses in a responsible and ethical manner, in accordance with this policy.

Section 4. **TRAVEL EXPENSES**

 Travelers may use their private vehicle for business purposes if it is less expensive than renting a car, taking a taxi, or using alternative transportation, or if it saves time. The traveler will be reimbursed at a standard mileage reimbursement rate.

 Meals will be reimbursed at actual expense or a per diem rate, whichever is less. Lodging will be reimbursed at actual expense up to certain daily rate caps established for various locations. The applicability of such caps shall be determined on a case by case basis talking into consideration availability of lodging and other extenuating circumstances.

 Reimbursement for miscellaneous expenses shall be determined on a case by case basis. Mileage rates, per diem allowances and lodging caps will be established and from time to time amended by the Treasurer. All determinations made pursuant to this section shall be made by the Treasurer. In the instance where such determinations regard the travel of the Treasurer, the President shall make such determinations.

Approved and adopted this 6th day of April 2011.