

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-077

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT ZONE (NEZ) PROGRAM BASIC INCENTIVES POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of North Richland Hills (the “City”) desires to stimulate revitalization and redevelopment of aged properties within the city; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 378 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes a municipality to create a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (“NEZ”) when the municipality determines that creation of the zone would promote an increase in economic development within the zone; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes a municipality to establish and provide for the administration of one or more programs for making loans and grants of public money of the municipality to promote local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a policy setting forth administrative procedures and criteria for granting incentives and fee waivers to property owners who provide projects that demonstrate high quality development or redevelopment, that further community revitalization, and provide increased economic benefit to areas designated as Neighborhood Empowerment Zones within the City of North Richland Hills; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that creation of the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone Program (NEZ) Basic Incentives Policy benefits and is for the public purpose of increasing the public health, safety, and welfare of the persons in the city and increasing economic development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds that the facts and recitations contained in the recitals set forth above are hereby found and declared to be true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution as if written herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby establishes and adopts the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone Program (NEZ) Basic Incentives Policy (the “Policy”) attached as Exhibit “A,” which shall apply for all areas designated as Neighborhood Empowerment Zones within the City of North Richland Hills.

SECTION 3. The City Council may adopt additional criteria and requirements for any area designated as a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone within the City of North Richland Hills.

SECTION 4. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute Economic Development Agreements in accordance with this Policy granting incentives up to a maximum amount or value of \$50,000. Any incentives granted in an amount or value that exceeds \$50,000 shall require specific approval by the City Council.

SECTION 5. The City Council reserves the right to approve or deny any application for incentives under this Policy.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption, and it is so resolved; and all Resolutions of the City Council of the City in conflict herewith are hereby amended or repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 9th day of October, 2023.

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

By: _____
Oscar Trevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Maleshia B. McGinnis, City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Paulette Hartman, Deputy City
Manager