

**RESOLUTION NO. 159-2024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING CHAPTER 380 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF ABILENE AND THORNTON HOMES REGARDING 5557 N 10<sup>TH</sup> ST, 5549 N 10<sup>TH</sup> ST, 5541 N 10<sup>TH</sup> ST.**

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Agreements (“Agreements”) are effective as of the 11th day of July, 2024, by and between Thornton Homes, (“Developer”), and the CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, a home rule city and municipal corporation (“City”), for the purposes and considerations stated below; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Abilene adopted Resolution 142-2024 creating an Economic Development Program authorized by Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has adopted Resolution No. 192-2023 which created the Rebuild ABI program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer intends to acquire, or has acquired, fee simple ownership of 5557 N 10<sup>th</sup> St, 5549 N 10<sup>th</sup> St, 5541 N 10<sup>th</sup> St, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas (the “Project Areas”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to enter into these Agreements with the Developer in order to implement the Rebuild ABI economic development program developed by the City to enhance and expand the City’s commercial, economic and employment base to the long-term interest and benefit of the City and the State of Texas; and

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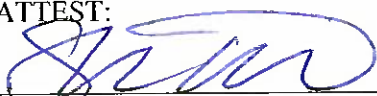
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE TEXAS:**

**PART 1:** That the City of Abilene approves the Rebuild ABI economic development agreements upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached agreements hereto.

**PART 2:** That this Resolution becomes effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.**

ATTEST:

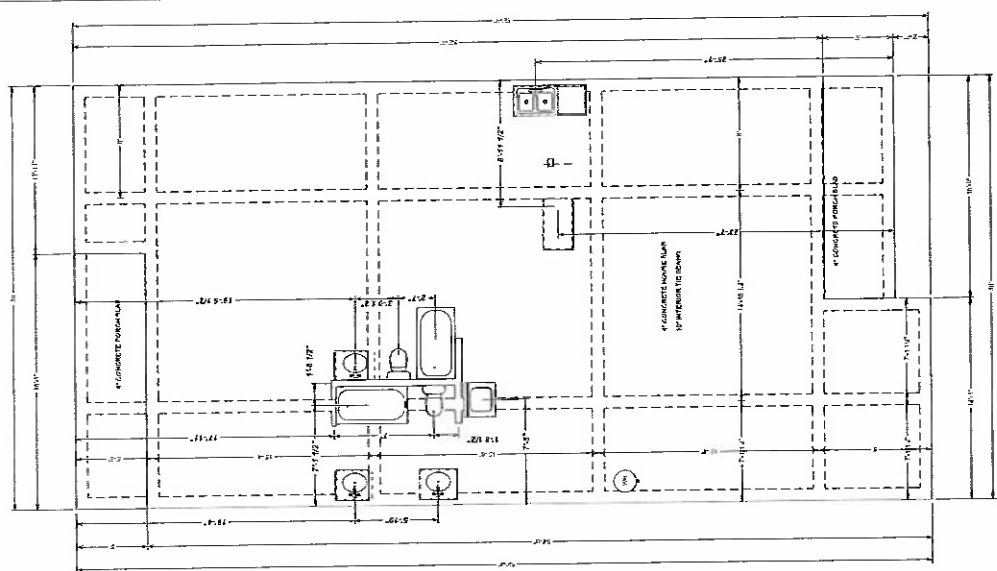
  
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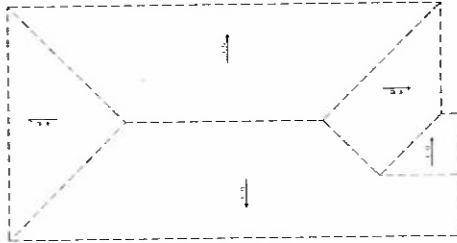
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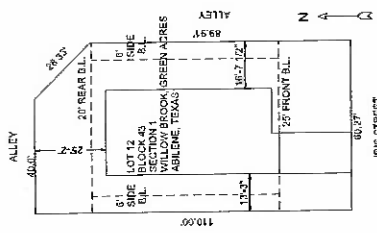




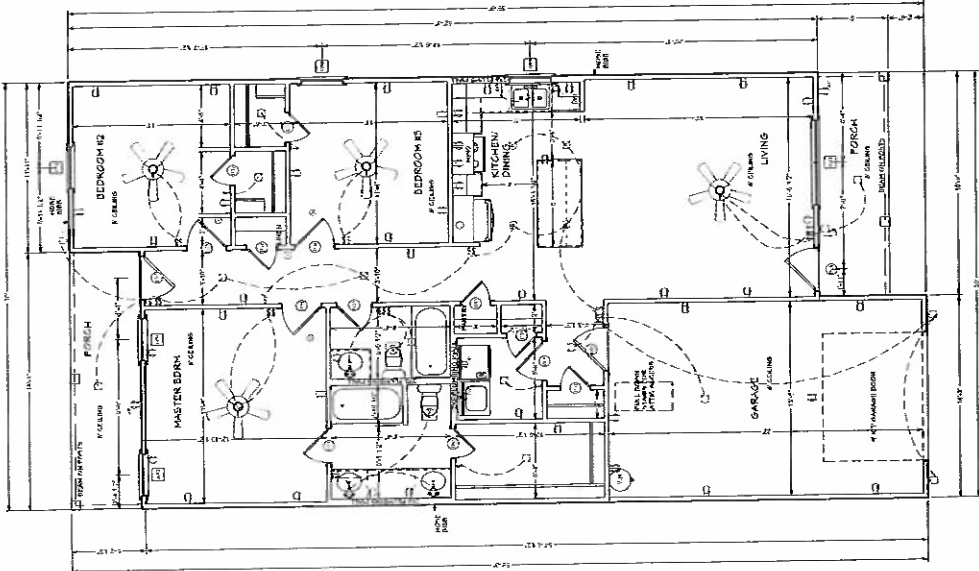
CONCRETE AREA  
100 SQ. FT.



ROOF PLAN 1/8 in = 1 ft



PLOT PLAN 1 in = 20 ft

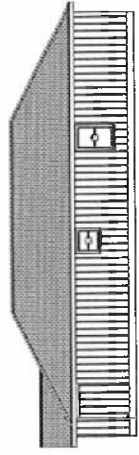


NOTES:  
1. ALL OF PLATES.  
2. HVAC IN ATTIC.  
3. ALL DIMENSIONS, NOTATIONS, AND DESIGN FOR ACCURACY BEFORE BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION.  
4. STUD WALLS DIMENSIONED AT 3-1/2".

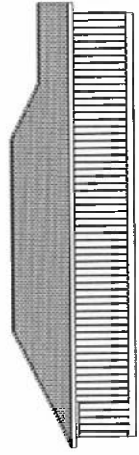
LIVING SQ. FT. 1270  
TOTAL SQ. FT. 1753

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
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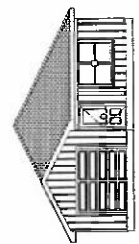
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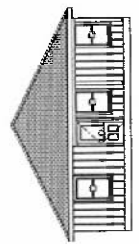
RIGHT ELEVATION



LEFT ELEVATION



FRONT ELEVATION 1/8 in = 1 ft



REAR ELEVATION

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**RECITALS**

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**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing premises and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, it is hereby agreed as follows:

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- 1.02 The Developer's execution and performance of this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Developer.
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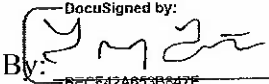


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Abilene, TX 79606  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: Trey Thornton

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City Manager City Secretary

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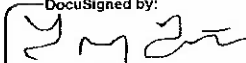
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- 5.03 The Developer shall purchase all building materials from a business located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Abilene, and pay all applicable local sales and use taxes to the City of Abilene. Upon request of the City, Developer shall promptly provide written documentation of compliance with this requirement, such written documentation being receipts or other documentation as agreed to by the City.
- 5.04 The Developer shall require the final buyer of the residence to sign an affidavit at closing that the buyer intends to occupy the residence as their legal homestead in the State of Texas and that it shall serve as their primary residence for a period of 2 (two) years following closing.

- 5.05 The Developer shall construct the new construction within the existing Neighborhood Empowerment Zones of the City, or shall receive written approval from the City Manager, or his or her designee to build the home on a specific lot north of South 27<sup>th</sup> Street.

## VI. CITY OBLIGATIONS AND DUTIES

- 6.01 Pay the Economic Incentives to Developer pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

## VII. DEFAULT

- 7.01 If any party should default upon any terms or obligations with respect to this Agreement (“**Defaulting Party**”), the other party (“**Complaining Party**”) shall provide written notice of the default and shall reasonably include the actions required to cure such default. If the Defaulting Party cures the default within thirty (30) days after notice of default is received (“**Cure Period**”), or commences to cure default within said thirty (30) days and diligently pursues the cure to its conclusion, then this Agreement shall continue as if no default occurred.
- 7.02 In the event that the Defaulting Party fails to cure the default as required by Section 7.01 above, the Complaining Party may, by action or proceeding at law or in equity, be awarded damages and/or specific performance for such default, including reasonable attorney’s fees and costs.

## VIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 8.01 **DEVELOPER COVENANTS AND AGREES TO AND DOES HEREBY FULLY INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE CITY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ALL CLAIMS, SUITS OR CAUSES OF ACTION OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER WHETHER REAL OR ASSERTED, BROUGHT FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY, INCLUDING DEATH, RESULTING FROM OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. IN ADDITION, DEVELOPER COVENANTS TO INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE CITY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, SUITS OR CAUSES OF ACTION OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER, BROUGHT FOR OR ON ACCOUNT OF INJURIES OR DAMAGES TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY,**

**INCLUDING DEATH, RESULTING FROM THE FAILURE OF DEVELOPER OR ITS CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS TO PROPERLY SAFEGUARD THE WORK, ON ACCOUNT OF ANY ACTS, INTENTIONAL OR OTHERWISE, NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT OF DEVELOPER, ITS CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES.**

- 8.02 If any provision of this Agreement, or a portion thereof, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall to any extent be held invalid, inoperative or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such provision or portion thereof to any other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby. It shall not be deemed that any such invalid provision affects the consideration for this Agreement, and each provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 8.03 This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for any action brought under this Agreement shall be in Taylor County, Texas.
- 8.04 Developer shall not assign this Agreement without the express written consent of the City.
- 8.05 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to make the parties hereto partners or joint venturers or render any of said parties liable for the debts or obligations of any other of said parties.
- 8.06 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Agreement may only be amended, modified or terminated by a declaration in writing, executed and acknowledged by all the parties to this Agreement.
- 8.07 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters set forth herein, and supersedes all prior discussions and agreements between the parties.
- 8.08 This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors and assigns.
- 8.09 In the event any legal proceeding is commenced to enforce or interpret provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party in any such legal action shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred by reason of such action.

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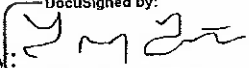
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City Manager

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City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney