

RESOLUTION NO. 279-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING A CHAPTER 380 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ABILENE AND CHOWNING REALTY

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WHEREAS, the City of Abilene adopted Resolution 192-2023 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 5242 N 9th St and 550 Sammons St., in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas (the “Project Area”); and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Abilene adopted Resolution 49-2016 and Resolution 129-2023 creating an Economic Development Program authorized by Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

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WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into this Agreement 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

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the development of the Project Area will have a direct and positive economic benefit to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City hereby finds that this Agreement embodies an eligible “project” and clearly promotes economic development in the City and, as such, meets the requisites under Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code and is in the best interests of the City.


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 agreement upon the terms and conditions as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

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

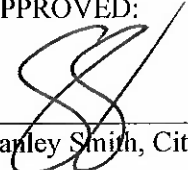
ADOPTED on the 5th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST:


Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary


Weldon Hurt, Mayor

APPROVED:


Stanley Smith, City Attorney



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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:

I. AUTHORITY

- 1.01 The Agreement is authorized by state law, including but not limited Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code, and is within the authority of the City and constitutes a legal and binding obligation of the City.
- 1.02 The Developer's execution and performance of this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Developer.
- 1.03 The factual recitals and findings set forth above are found to be true and correct for all purposes, and are incorporated into this Agreement.

II. DEFINITIONS

- 2.01. **Program** means the economic development program identified in Article IV herein and established by the City pursuant to this Agreement.
- 2.02. **Developer** means ___ Chowning Realty, LLC ___, its successors or assigns.

III. TERM

- 3.01 This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of execution of both parties. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until the earlier of: (A) each party hereto has completed their respective obligations hereunder; or (B) eighteen months from the Effective Date ("Term").

IV. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- 4.01 Upon Developer's completion of its obligations and duties set forth in this Agreement, the City shall pay the Developer the following incentives:
 - a. Payable at the time of closing of the final buyer, a \$20,000.00 completion grant will be paid to the Developer, and the home sales shall price not exceed a maximum price of \$203,000.00.
 - b. In addition to the completion grant authorized above, the City shall provide without cost to the Developer, at the sole discretion of the City, one or more of the following:

- (1) waiver of construction related City permits and fees, (2) utility taps, (3) sidewalks, (4) roll-off containers and two tips, and (4) demolition of existing structures.

V. DEVELOPER'S OBLIGATIONS AND DUTIES

The Developer shall perform, or cause to be performed the construction of the improvements set forth in **Exhibit A-"Public and Private Improvements"** on or before the expiration of this agreement. Additionally:

- 5.01 The Developer shall be a Builder member of the Big Country Home Builder's Association as of the effective date of this Agreement, and during the term of this Agreement.
- 5.02 The Developer shall reconstruct, at its expense, the improvements identified on **Exhibit A - "Public and Private Improvements"** in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to the City's current residential building code and residential energy code.
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- 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 two years following closing.
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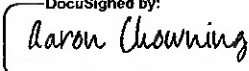
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3066 Legends Trail
Abilene, TX 79601
aaronchowning@gmail.com
325.301-4099

By (signature):  _____
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Name (printed): Aaron Chowning

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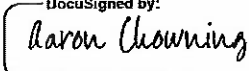
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6. Front and rear lawn sodded (alternative landscaping designs may be considered)
7. Concrete driveway
8. Meet or exceed current residential building and energy code requirements

Your signature confirms that you have reviewed and understood these requirements and will ensure they are followed throughout the renovation.

550 Sammons Abilene, TX

Address: _____

By (signature): DocuSigned by:
Aaron Chowning
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Name (printed): Aaron Chowning

Title: Principal

Planning & Development Services
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