



RESOLUTION NO. 2025-215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, AND THE FIREHOUSE THEATRE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Farmers Branch ("City") has established various economic development programs pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code for the purpose of promoting the location of new businesses and for the retention and expansion of existing business enterprises within the City; and

WHEREAS, Farmers Branch Community Theatre, Inc., d/b/a The Firehouse Theatre ("Firehouse"), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, located at 2535 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, Texas 75234 within the Mustang Station Arts & Culture District, provides performing arts programming that enhances the cultural and economic vitality of Farmers Branch; and

WHEREAS, Firehouse has advised the City that an agreement by the City to provide an economic development grant to Firehouse would enhance its ability to sustain and expand programming, including Mainstage Firehouse JR shows, special events, and collaborations with local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Firehouse has demonstrated measurable economic impact through increased visitor activity, partnerships with nearby restaurants and retail establishments, and enhanced business revenues in the Mustang Station Arts & Culture District during theatre events; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of the expansion of existing businesses within the City and the recruitment of new business enterprises to the City will promote economic development, stimulate commercial activity, generate additional sales tax, and enhance the property tax base and economic vitality of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by Article III, Section 52-a of the Texas Constitution and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 380, to provide economic development grants to promote local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that making an economic development grant to the Company in accordance with the City's Economic Development Program will (i) further the objectives of the City; (ii) benefit the City and the City's inhabitants; and (iii) will promote local economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City an Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Farmers Branch Community Theatre, Inc., d/b/a The Firehouse Theatre, and to execute any amendments or instruments related thereto.

SECTION 2. All provisions of the resolutions of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Resolution be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said Resolution which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon final passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, THIS 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Erin Flores, City Secretary

Terry Lynne, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicole Corr, City Attorney