



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RESIDENTIAL DEMOLITION/REBUILD PROGRAM INCENTIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE OWNER OF PROPERTY AT 3140 VALLEY VIEW LANE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Farmers Branch has established a Residential Demolition/Rebuild Incentive Program pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code for the purpose of promoting the redevelopment of existing single-family housing stock within the City (the "Incentive Program"); and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property generally located at 3140 Valley View Lane has made application for the Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, City Administration, having reviewed the foregoing application, has determined that the demolition and reconstruction of the residential structure on the above-described property qualifies for the Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmers Branch finds it to be in the public interest to authorize the execution of an agreement setting forth the terms and conditions by which the owner of the above-described property will receive the benefits of the Incentive Program.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Farmers Branch a Residential Demolition/Rebuild Program Incentive Agreement with the owner of property located at 3140 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, Texas, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Manager has full authority to administer the above approved agreement on behalf of the City including, but not limited to, providing notices of default and termination as the City Manager may, from time to time, deem appropriate and necessary.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon final passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS
BRANCH, TEXAS, THIS 16th DAY OF JULY 2024.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

Terry Lynne, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David M. Berman, City Attorney

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF DALLAS §

**RESIDENTIAL DEMOLITION/REBUILD PROGRAM
INCENTIVE AGREEMENT**

This Economic Development Incentive Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between the City of Farmers Branch, Texas (the “City”), and Malcolm D. Woody (“Property Owner”). City and Property Owner are collectively referred to herein as “Parties” and separately as “Party.”

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Chapter 380 allows City to provide incentives for the promotion of economic development; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of the redevelopment of existing housing stock within City’s incorporated limits promotes economic development and is essential for City’s continued economic growth and vitality; and

WHEREAS, it is well established that the availability of quality housing stock encourages the relocation of businesses and attracts new business enterprises, as well as the expansion of existing business enterprises within City’s incorporated limits, which in turn stimulates growth, creates jobs and increases property and sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of the redevelopment of the housing stock within City’s incorporated limits is a major contributing factor to City’s growth, which in turn stimulates trade and commerce and reduces unemployment; and

WHEREAS, residential development and redevelopment will attract and encourage business relocation and expansion since business will look to the available housing stock to meet the needs of management and the work force; and

WHEREAS, City has determined that providing an economic development incentive in accordance with this Agreement will further City’s objectives, will benefit City and City’s inhabitants and will promote local economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity within City’s incorporated limits; and

WHEREAS, Property Owner is the owner of a one-family detached residential dwelling located at 3140 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, Texas (hereinafter defined as the “Residence”); and

WHEREAS, Property Owner intends to demolish the Residence and construct a new one-family detached residential dwelling thereafter (hereinafter defined as the “New Residence”); and

WHEREAS, Property Owner has been approved as an eligible participant and the demolition of the Residence and the construction of the New Residence has been approved as an eligible project (hereinafter defined as an “Approved Project”) under City’s Demolition/Rebuild Property Tax Incentive Program (hereinafter defined as a “Program”);

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and other valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

Article I Term

The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and shall continue until the Expiration Date, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

Article II Definitions

Wherever used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them:

“Ad valorem taxes,” as used in this Agreement for the purposes of calculating Annual Incentives, means taxes assessed by the City based on the value of improvements, exclusive of the land value, and do not include penalties or interest (if any) or ad valorem taxes assessed by other taxing jurisdictions.

“Annual Incentive(s)” means four (4) annual economic development incentive payments each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the difference between the ad valorem taxes assessed by City against the New Residence for the applicable tax year and paid to City, and the amount of ad valorem taxes assessed by and paid to the City against the improvement value of the property for the Base Year, as calculated and determined by City, to be paid to Property Owner as set forth herein.

“Approved Project” means the demolition of the existing residence and the construction of the New Residence as an approved project by City as being eligible for the incentives under the Program.

“Base Year” means January 1st of the calendar year immediately preceding the date of approval of the Project.

“Commencement of Construction” means that (i) the plans have been prepared and all approvals thereof required by applicable governmental authorities have been obtained for the Approved Project; and (ii) all necessary permits for the construction of the Approved Project have been issued by all applicable governmental authorities.

“Completion of Construction” means that (i) substantial completion of construction of the New Residence has occurred; and (ii) City has issued a final certificate of inspection for the New Residence.

“Effective Date” means the date this Agreement bears the signatures of the authorized representatives of all of the Parties.

“Event of Bankruptcy or Insolvency” means insolvency, appointment of receiver for Property Owner and such appointment is not terminated within ninety (90) days after such appointment is initially made, any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the commencement of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by or against Property Owner and such proceeding is not dismissed within ninety (90) days after the filing thereof.

“Expiration Date” means April 1st of the first full calendar year following the fifth (5th) anniversary of the Commencement Date.

“Impositions” means all taxes, assessments, use and occupancy taxes, charges, excises, license and permit fees, and other charges by public or governmental authority, general and special, ordinary and extraordinary, foreseen and unforeseen, which are or may be assessed, charged, levied, or imposed by any public or governmental authority on Property Owner or any property or any business owned by Property Owner within City’s incorporated limits.

“Incentive” or “Incentives” mean all payments from the City to Property owner contemplated under Article III of this Agreement, including the Annual Incentives and the Demolition Grant.

“Land” means the real property located in the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, on which the Residence is located, but excluding any improvements, which property is described as:

Lot 21, Block A, of Brookhollow Estates, an addition to the City of Farmers Branch, Dallas County, Texas.

“New Residence” means a new one family detached dwelling to be constructed on the Land, as approved by City as an Approved Project, excluding the Land, which has a floor area of not less than 5,361 square feet of air conditioned space and a Taxable Value (not including the Land) of not less than \$380,000 as of January 1st of the calendar year following the date of Completion of Construction.

“Payment Request” means (a) with respect to the Annual Incentives paid pursuant to Section 3.1, below, a written request from Property Owner submitted to City on or before April 1st of each calendar year for the payment of the Annual Incentive accompanied by a tax receipt showing that the ad valorem taxes assessed against the Land and the New Residence for the preceding tax year have been paid in full, and such other information as City may reasonably request; (b) with respect to the first installment of the Demolition Grant, a written request from Property Owner submitted to City requesting payment of the first installment of the Demolition Grant accompanied by sufficient evidence that the Residence has been demolished and removed from the Land and that the Land is ready for construction of the New Residence; and (c) with respect to the second installment of the Demolition Grant, a written request from Property Owner submitted to City requesting payment of the second installment of the Demolition Grant accompanied by a copy of the certificate of final inspection of the New Residence issued by City’s Building Inspections Department.

“Project” means the demolition of the existing residence and the construction of the New Residence on the Land.

“Residence” means the one family detached dwelling located on the Land as of the Effective Date.

“Residential Demolition/Rebuild Program” means the City of Farmers Branch Residential Demolition/Rebuild Incentive Program adopted by Resolution of the City Council, as amended.

“Taxable Value” shall mean the appraised value of the Residence or the New Residence, as the case may be, as certified by the Dallas Central Appraisal District, or its successor entity, as of January 1 of a given year. The Parties agree the Taxable Value of the Residence is \$234,930 as of the Effective Date.

Article III Economic Development Incentives

3.1 Payment. Subject to Property Owner’s continued satisfaction of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the obligation of Property Owner to repay the Incentives pursuant to Section 5.2 hereof, City agrees to annually provide four (4) Annual Incentive payments to Property Owner to be paid not later than the thirtieth (30th) day after City receipt of the applicable Payment Request. The first Payment Request shall be due on April 1st of the second calendar year following the year of Completion of Construction, and each subsequent Payment Request shall be due no later than April 1st of each following calendar year.

For example, assume for illustration purposes only that the Commencement Date of the Approved Project occurs in 2020, thereby making 2020 the Base Year. Further assume that (i) City taxes assessed and paid for the improvements on the property excluding the land for tax year 2020 was \$1,000 and (ii) the Completion of Construction of the Approved Project occurs in 2020. Further assume that City taxes assessed and paid for tax year 2021 are \$2,000. Then the amount of the first Annual Incentive is the difference between City taxes assessed on the New Residence (*i.e.*, improvement value) for tax year 2021 in the amount of \$2,000 and the City taxes assessed on the improvement value for the Base Year (2020) of \$1,000, resulting in an Annual Incentive of \$1,000. The Payment Request would be due by April 1st of the 2022, next calendar year.

Each Payment Request, and the City’s obligation to remit each Annual Incentive, is conditioned on the City’s timely receipt of ad valorem taxes assessed against the New Residence in full for the prior respective tax year.

3.2 Current Revenue. The Annual Grants made hereunder shall be paid solely from lawfully available funds that have been appropriated by City. Under no circumstances shall City’s obligations hereunder be deemed to create any debt within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision. None of City’s obligations under this Agreement shall be pledged or otherwise encumbered in favor of any commercial lender and/or similar financial institution or other party.

3.3 Payment of Demolition Grant. City agrees to pay the Demolition Grant to Property Owner in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) in two equal installments of \$10,000

each as follows:

- (a) With respect to the first installment, not later than thirty (30) days after City's receipt of a Payment Request from Property Owner, but in no case earlier than thirty (30) days prior to completion of demolition of the Residence and removal of all debris from the Land; and
- (b) With respect to the second installment, not later than thirty (30) days after City's receipt of a Payment Request from Property Owner, but in no case earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day after Completion of Construction of the New Residence.

City's obligation to pay the Demolition Grant, or any installment thereof, shall terminate if Completion of Construction of the New Residence does not occur on or before the second (2nd) anniversary of the Effective Date.

Article IV Incentive Conditions

City's obligation to pay the Annual Grants shall be conditioned upon Property Owner's continued compliance with and satisfaction of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and each of the conditions set forth in this Article and Article V.

4.1 Inspections. Property Owner agrees to submit to periodic inspections of the Approved Project by City during the period beginning with the date of Commencement of Construction and ending on date of Completion of Construction.

4.2 Construction of the Approved Project. Property Owner shall, subject to delays resulting from events of Force Majeure, cause Completion of Construction of the Approved Project to occur on or before twenty-four (24) calendar months after the Effective Date.

Article V Termination

5.1 This Agreement shall terminate upon the occurrence of any one of the following:

- (a) Mutual agreement of the Parties;
- (b) If any subsequent Federal or State legislation or any final, non-appealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction declares or renders this Agreement invalid, illegal or unenforceable, in which case termination shall be immediate upon the effective date of said law or the date the judgment becomes non-appealable;
- (c) If any Impositions owed to City or the State of Texas by Property Owner shall become delinquent (provided, however, Property Owner shall retain the right to timely and properly protest and contest any such Impositions) and City provides Property Owner notice of termination, in which case termination shall be immediate;

- (d) In the event Property Owner breaches any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement and such breach is not cured within sixty (60) days after written notice thereof provided by City;
- (e) If Property Owner suffers an Event of Bankruptcy or Insolvency;
- (f) If, subject to delays resulting from an event of Force Majeure, Completion of Construction of the New Residence has not occurred within twelve (12) months after demolition and removal of the existing residence from the property and City provides Property Owner notice of termination, in which case termination shall be immediate;
- (g) If upon Completion of Construction of the New Residence, the New Residence contains less than 5,361 square feet of air-conditioned space as set forth in the definition of "New Residence" herein and City provides Property Owner notice of termination, in which case termination shall be immediate;
- (h) If on January 1 following the date of Completion of Construction of the New Residence, the New Residence has a Taxable Value of less than \$380,000 as set forth in the definition of "New Residence" herein and City provides Property Owner notice of termination, in which case termination shall be immediate;
- (i) The sale or transfer of title to the Land and/or the Residence without obtaining prior written consent from City for assignment of this Agreement to the new owner;
- (j) The sale or transfer of title to the Land to a third party after the demolition of the Residence but before Commencement of Construction of the New Residence; or
- (k) The termination of use of the New Residence by Property Owner as Property Owner's residential homestead.

5.2 (a) In the event this Agreement is terminated for any reason prior to payment of any Incentives under Article III, the obligation of the City to pay any further incentive or any remaining portion thereof shall cease immediately. In the event that this Agreement is terminated by the City pursuant to Section 5.1, other than Section 5.1(a) or (b), or based upon Property Owner's or an assignee's or successor in interest's breach or default, the City shall have no obligation to pay any further Incentive and, if all or any portion of the Incentives have been paid to Property Owner, then Property Owner or his assignee or successor in interest shall immediately upon notice refund all amounts previously paid by the City for the Approved Project, including any amounts paid to any assignor or predecessor in title.

(b) In the event that any part of the Grant has been paid by the City and recapture is demanded in accordance with the foregoing subsection (a), should the Property Owner or assignee or successor in interest fail repay all prior Incentive amounts within thirty (30) days of its receipt of written notice and demand, then the City may claim, and the Property Owner hereby grants to the City, a lien on and against the Land to secure its payment of all recapture amounts, plus interest. The City may pursue foreclosure of this lien if the recapture amounts remain unpaid. This provision shall

be a restriction on the transfer and ownership of the Land or any part thereof to any assignee or successor in interest.

Article VI Miscellaneous

6.1 Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned without the prior written consent of City. This Agreement shall automatically terminate upon any subsequent sale or transfer of the ownership of the Residence or the New Residence.

6.2 Debt/Collateral. Under no circumstances shall the City's obligations hereunder be deemed to create any debt within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision. Further, this Agreement may not be used as collateral to secure any debt or obligation, and the City shall not be obligated to pay any commercial bank, lender or similar institution for any loan or credit agreement made by Property Owner or an approved assignee.

6.3 Binding Agreement. The terms and conditions of this Agreement are binding upon the successors and assigns of the Parties.

6.4 Limitation on Liability. It is understood and agreed between the Parties that Property Owner, in satisfying the conditions of this Agreement, has acted independently, and City assumes no responsibilities or liabilities to third parties in connection with these actions.

6.5 No Joint Venture. It is acknowledged and agreed by the Parties that the terms hereof are not intended to and shall not be deemed to create a partnership or joint venture among the Parties.

6.6 Authorization. Each Party represents that it has full capacity and authority to grant all rights and assume all obligations that are granted and assumed under this Agreement.

6.7 Notice. Any notice required or permitted to be delivered hereunder shall be deemed received three days thereafter sent by United States Mail, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the Party at the address set forth below or on the day actually received if sent by courier or otherwise hand delivered.

If intended for Property Owner, to:

Malcolm D Woody
3140 Valley View Lane
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

If intended for City, to:

Attn: City Manager
City of Farmers Branch, Texas
13000 William Dodson Pkwy.
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

With a copy to:

David M. Berman
Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith, L.L.P. 1800
Ross Tower
500 N. Akard
Dallas, Texas 75201

6.8 Entire Agreement. This Agreement is the entire Agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter covered in this Agreement. There is no other collateral oral or written Agreement between the Parties that in any manner relates to the subject matter of this Agreement, except as provided in any Exhibits attached hereto.

6.9 Governing Law. The Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas; and venue for any action concerning this Agreement shall be in the State District Court of Dallas County, Texas. The Parties agree to submit to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction of said court.

6.10 Amendment. This Agreement may only be amended by the mutual written agreement of the Parties.

6.11 Legal Construction. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect other provisions, and it is the intention of the Parties to this Agreement that in lieu of each provision that is found to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, a provision shall be added to this Agreement which is legal, valid and enforceable and is as similar in terms as possible to the provision found to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable.

6.12 Recitals. The recitals to this Agreement are incorporated herein.

6.13 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts. Each of the counterparts shall be deemed an original instrument, but all of the counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument.

6.14 Survival of Covenants. Any of the representations, warranties, covenants, and obligations of the Parties, as well as any rights and benefits of the Parties, pertaining to a period of time following the termination of this Agreement shall survive termination.

6.15 Employment of Undocumented Workers. During the term of this Agreement the Property Owner agrees not to knowingly employ any undocumented workers and if convicted of a violation under 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a (f), the Property Owner shall repay the amount of the Annual Grants and any other funds received by the Property Owner from the City as of the date of such violation within one hundred twenty (120) days after the date the Property Owner is notified by the City of such violation, plus interest at the rate of four (4%) compounded annually from the date of violation until paid. The Property Owner is not liable for a violation of this section by a subsidiary,

affiliate, or franchisee of the Property Owner or by a person with whom the Company contracts.

6.16 Future Incentives. The Property Owner agrees that the residence at 3140 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch, Texas, will not be eligible for any other or further residential or other incentive offer now or hereafter by the City.

[Signatures of following page]

SIGNED AND AGREED on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

City of Farmers Branch, Texas

By: _____
Ben Williamson, City Manager

Attest:

By: _____
Stacy Henderson, City Secretary

Approved As To Form:

By: _____
Dvid M. Berman, City Attorney

SIGNED AND AGREED on this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Property Owner

By: _____
Malcolm D. Woody

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Malcolm D. Woody, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires: _____