

RESOLUTION NO. 2043

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-17,114 *et seq.* is known as the Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act (“Act”).

WHEREAS, the Act provides a means by which municipalities may designate certain land as a Neighborhood Revitalization Area for the purpose of rehabilitating, conserving or redeveloping the area to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

WHEREAS, prior to designating an area as a neighborhood revitalization area, the governing body of the municipality shall adopt a plan for revitalization of such an area.

WHEREAS, the City adopted a Neighborhood Revitalization Program on January 7, 2019 through adopted of Resolution No. 2006 (“NRA Resolution”).

WHEREAS, prior to adoption of the NRA Resolution an Economic Development Advisory Committee consisting of concerned citizens and representatives of participating governments considered and drafted the Neighborhood Revitalization Program to designate certain areas of land located within Gardner, Kansas, as Neighborhood Revitalization Areas.

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program adopted by the NRA Resolution consists of three business zoned areas and one residential zoned area as shown on Maps # 1, #2, #3 and #4. The general descriptions of the boundaries for each district are attached to the NRP plan and contain a listing of the owners, land area and land and building tax value.

WHEREAS, following adoption of the NRA Resolution City staff has been working with its interlocal partners to finalize the NRP. Changes in the method of distribution as adopted in the NRA Resolution have been requested by Johnson County staff. The changes relate to the method by which the NRP Property Tax rebate is handled and distributed. The modifications have been made and the modified document is ready for adoption pursuant to this Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program will promote development within three specific business/commercial areas and one residential area through the provision of property tax rebates.

WHEREAS, without such incentives, new commercial development and expanded and remodeled business will through necessity, gravitate toward undeveloped areas creating additional stress and costly infrastructure improvements to be made in new commercial areas.

WHEREAS, new commercial development will strengthen the community with the result that public and private investment will become more closely connected better utilizing older commercial properties and fighting decay and property vacancy.

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program combats this process and promotes goals of the Gardner Community Development Plan.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Gardner, has determined that the Neighborhood Revitalization Program as defined in the Plan meets the conditions of the K.S.A. 12-17,117 and K.S.A. 12-17,118 that rehabilitation, conservation and redevelopment of the identified areas are necessary to maintain Gardner's economic vitality and quality of life for its citizens.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of K.S.A. 12-17,117, notice of a public hearing was published at least once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the City, and, a public hearing was held by the City Council on the 18th day of November, 2019 to receive public comment and testimony regarding the proposed adoption of the Plan.

WHEREAS, having held a public hearing and reviewed the record and submitted evidence, comments and testimony, the City Council now believes it to be necessary and, therefore, in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare, to adopt said Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE: The City of Gardner does hereby adopt the attached Gardner Neighborhood Revitalization Program Plan.

SECTION TWO: The City of Gardner does hereby declare the creation of four (4) Neighborhood Revitalization Areas as defined in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Plan.

SECTION THREE: Copies of the Plan shall be filed, with the office of the City Administrator, and Business and Economic Development Department located at 120 East Main Street, Gardner, Kansas 66030, and shall be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable business hours.

SECTION FOUR: This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Governing Body and execution by the Mayor.

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THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gardner, Kansas, this 18th Day of November, 2019.

Steve Shute, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Rose, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Ryan Denk, City Attorney