

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS, TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR A NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION REVISING THE DOWNTOWN ARKANSAS CITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, PLEDGING MATCHING FUNDS AND/OR IN-KIND SERVICES FOR SAID GRANT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT SUCH GRANT AND CONSENTS TO SAID NOMINATIONS OF CITY PROPERTIES.

WHEREAS, The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) is a grant program administered by the National Park Service (NPS). Funds for the HPF program are derived from Outer Continental Shelf mineral receipts. Each year the NPS provides the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with funds that finance its operations, salaries and grants. Ten percent of those grant funds awarded to the SHPO must be passed through to Certified Local Governments (CLGs) per federal regulations. Grants reimburse up to 60% of project costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arkansas City was recognized as a Certified Local Government (CLG) by the National Park Service in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arkansas City received a grant in 2017 and conducted a resurvey of the Arkansas City Commercial Center and Adjacent Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Survey Report made recommendations to modify the boundaries of the current historic district and possibly list the City's historic churches on the National Register of Historic Places and some of the affected properties are City-owned; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas City Historic Preservation Board and staff wish to pursue such a grant to nominate these properties to the State and National Historic Registers of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to express its support for said grant application and said nominations of City properties.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE: After due investigation and consideration, it is determined that the nature and extent of the public use and interest to be subserved as such as to authorize the City to file an application to participate in the Historic Preservation Fund grant program, as administered by the National Park Service, for a National Register nomination to modify the Downtown Arkansas City Commercial District. The total project budget is \$41,665 with the grant covering 60% and the City being required to provide a 40% match. The Governing Body hereby pledges to provide a 40% match in the form of salaries, volunteer labor and indirect expenses and remaining match, if any is required, in cash.

SECTION TWO: The Governing Body hereby consents to city properties being added to the Historic District as recommended by the Survey Report of the Resurvey of Arkansas City Commercial Center Historic District (1983) and Adjacent Areas.

SECTION THREE: Should the City of Arkansas City receive a grant from the Historic Preservation Fund as administered by the National Park Service, the Governing Body hereby authorizes and directs the City to accept such monies.

SECTION FOUR: The Governing Body hereby authorizes and directs the City the Mayor, City Clerk, and/or City Administration to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the legislative purposes and intents as expressed in this Legislative Enactment, including executing application and/or acceptance documents, and, if executed by the Mayor (or other person authorized by law to act in the event of the absence or inability of the Mayor to act), the City Clerk is directed to attest to and affix the official seal of the City thereon; the City Manager shall act as the official representative of the City for this and all subsequent related activities.

PASSED AND RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Arkansas, Kansas this 21st day of January 2025.

Chad Beeson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Larry Schwartz, City Attorney

CERTIFICATE

I, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-01-____ of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas adopted by the governing body on January 21, 2025 as the same appears of record in my office.

DATED: _____

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk