RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, ENACTING A POLICY REGARDING THE BASTROP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas ("City Council") finds that economic development is a valid, legitimate governmental function that is in the best interest of the community, its citizenry, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to encourage and promote reasonable, responsible economic development activities designed to support existing businesses, and recruit businesses that are consistent with the goals and values of the Bastrop community as well as the City's Strategic Plan, Focus Areas, and Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as well as zoning, development regulations and other elements of the Development Code as these documents are adopted and updated from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified that a critical component of their overall economic development effort is to promote and support the health and vitality as well as the growth of businesses in historic downtown Bastrop through the City's Main Street Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council embraces the full range of economic development tools and their application ranging from public financial assistance to land use permitting and utilities in addition to the resources available through the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation ("BEDC"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council is assured that City officials and BEDC personnel are united in seeking the best outcomes for the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that the attached policy is reasonable and necessary to provide guidance to the BEDC in an effort to enhance cooperation, improve clarity of purpose, facilitate a shared vision, prioritize projects worthy of public incentives, encourage a process for shared information and decision-making, and achieve general alignment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby approves the Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A" and, further authorizes the City Manager to execute the same and take all other actions necessary to implement said Agreement.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby deems the recitals above to be true and accurate legislative findings.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby approves the Policy as attached as Exhibit "A."

<u>SECTION 4</u>. This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop this 25th day of February 2025.

APPROVED:

John Kirkland, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney