

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-O-030

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXPEDITED BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVER CERTIFICATION PROCESS THAT WILL OPERATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY'S EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT ZONE (NEZ) PROGRAM AND GRANT CO-INTERIM CITY MANAGERS ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE OR DENY SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS.

WHEREAS, current Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) incentives require City Council approval before a building permit may be issued and construction may begin on an applicant's property; and

WHEREAS, it may take up to thirty (30) days for an NEZ application to be reviewed and approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, this wait time has the potential to cause financial strain on NEZ applicants, as they may not begin working on their property until City Council approves their application; and

WHEREAS, reducing wait time will improve better customer service and thus better promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, establishing an expedited building permit fee waiver certification process would allow NEZ applicants to begin work on their property before City Council reviews their application; and

WHEREAS, the Co-Interim City Managers would be granted administrative authority to approve or deny applications for an expedited building permit fee waiver; and

WHEREAS, once the NEZ application is submitted to City Council, the City Council would retain sole authority to approve or deny any tax abatement agreement, permit fee waivers, and any applications certified under the expedited building permit waiver.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS THAT:

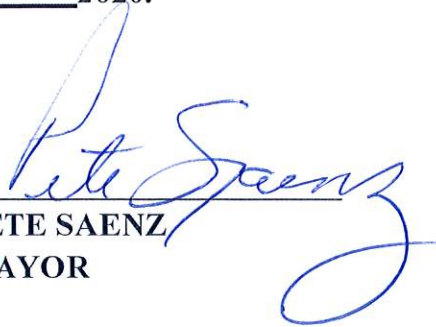
Section 1: An expedited building permit fee waiver certification process will be established by the Building Development Services Department.

Section 2: The Co-Interim City Managers are granted administrative authority to approve or deny applications for an expedited building permit fee waiver.

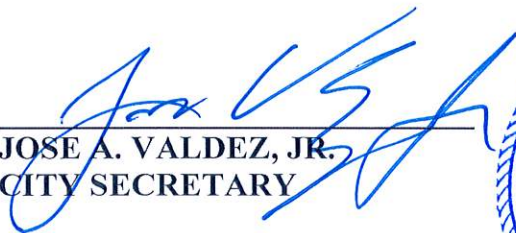
Section 2: The Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS

3 DAY OF February 2020.


PETE SAENZ
MAYOR

ATTESTED:


JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.
CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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