

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-043

**DESIGNATING AND CREATING A NEIGHBORHOOD
EMPOWERMENT ZONE, NUMBER FOUR WITHIN THE CITY OF
LAREDO AND MAKING THE NECESSARY FINDING OF PUBLIC
BENEFITS AND PUBLIC PURPOSE TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF
THE ZONE IN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS II & III IN THE CITY OF
LAREDO FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Laredo desires to see the redevelopment and revitalization of targeted areas of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the creation of affordable housing, including manufactured housing, coupled with economic development and the increase in social services, education, public safety are also high priority issues for the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City has investigated different economic development tools used in other municipalities, determined that Neighborhood Empowerment Zones have been used effectively and with positive results in other communities facing the same economic challenges facing the City of Laredo; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, through the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone program, as codified in Section 378 of the Texas Local Government Code, has provided municipalities a framework and authorization to provide certain incentives to both residential and commercial properties owners, with the goal of achieving redevelopment of targeted areas by creation of a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo, pursuant to Section 378.003, makes the necessary findings that the City and area within the Laredo NEZ #4 will benefit the area, and serve the public purpose of increasing public health, safety and welfare of persons in the municipality; and,

WHEREAS, creation of the zone by City Council does satisfy requirements set forth in Section 378.002; and,

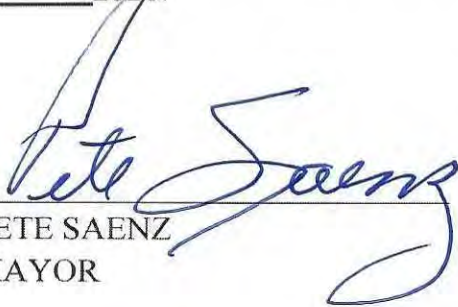
WHEREAS, with the City Council also supports the attached guidelines, which set the general framework for the how the NEZ #4 will incent development and redevelopment with the boundaries of the zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the City Council hereby designates the area described in the attached boundary described in the attached map (Exhibit A) as the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone Number Four.
2. The City Council further resolves that the Building Development Services Department will be responsible for the program, and authorizes that Department to prepare an application, and administrative procedures for implementation of the program.

3. The City Council further resolves that the attached guidelines (Exhibit B) will serve as the framework for the implementation of the program.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
2nd DAY OF March 2020.


PETE SAENZ
MAYOR


ATTESTED:


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CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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