

ORDINANCE NO. 975

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, PURPOSES, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM, ALLOWING CITY PERSONNEL AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, ALLOWING FOR RECEIPTS OF GIFTS TO ASSIST WITH THE PROGRAM, REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW, PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT, ALLOWING FOR CONTRACTS WITH AGENCIES, ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND REQUIRING AUDITING OF THE PROGRAM AND ITS RECORDS, PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEPARABILITY CLAUSE, REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Snyder is authorized to establish, develop and operate a program known as an economic development program to promote economic development and the stimulation of business and commercial activity for the City; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government code 380.001 *et seq.* authorizes the establishment of an economic development program including programs making loans and grants of public money and providing personnel and services of the City in order to promote local economic development, stimulate business, and promote commercial activity in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of using such statutory authority in order to establish and develop an economic development program for the City of Snyder; and

WHEREAS, the promotion and stimulation of economic development and business activity and commercial activity promotes the welfare and best interests of the City.

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

The City of Snyder hereby adopts an ordinance establishing the Snyder Economic Development Program to provide as follows:

Section 1: Establishment of Snyder Economic Development Program.

The Snyder Economic Development Program ("Program") is hereby established with the following powers, duties and responsibilities.

Section 2: Management.

The property and business operated and conducted by the Program shall be managed by the City Council of the City of Snyder.

Section 3: Purposes.

The Program shall be utilized to promote local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the City of Snyder.

Section 4: Personnel.

City personnel may be utilized to administer the property and business of the Program.

Section 5: Program.

The Program shall provide for: (1) loans, (2) grants of public money and (3) expenditures associated with the administration and the operation of the Program.

Section 6: Grants and Loans.

All grants and loans should be made with the related controls and standards of accountability to ensure compliance with the use of such monies in accordance with the purposes of the Program. All safeguards as herein provided shall be required by the City Council to ensure that appropriate, reasonable and necessary safeguards are provided to ensure proper use of funds and repayment of loans.

Section 7: Safeguards.

Safeguards shall include assurances, measurements, rights of reimbursement, reports, accounting, disclosure of financial conditions to ensure that a public purpose is being served in accordance with the Program and such other requirements deemed appropriate by the City Council.

Section 8: Agencies.

The City Council may contract with agencies such as other federal, state and political subdivision and non-profit organizations for the administration of the Program.

Section 9: Gifts.

The City Council may accept contributions, gifts and other resources to assist with the development and administration of the Program.

Section 10: Meetings.

All meetings shall be conducted in accordance and in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Section 11: Records.

All records will be maintained in accordance with the records retention policy of the City of Snyder and shall be subject to the Public Information Act.

Section 12: Payment.

The City Council shall receive no compensation for services rendered for or to the Program.

Section 13: Committees.

The City Council may establish committees to assist with any of the purposes contained herein.

Section 14: Records, Checks and Receipts.

All records, checks and receipts of the Program shall be maintained by the City and shall be subject to all auditing examinations conducted by the City.

Section 15: Invalidity.

It is the intention of the governing body that this Ordinance and every sentence, paragraph, clause, and provision thereof, shall be considered separable; and the invalidity of any sentence, paragraph, section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section 16: Conflicts.

Any previously enacted ordinances found to be in conflict herewith are expressly repealed to the extent that such conflict exists.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council on first reading this 4th day of February, 2008.


Francene Allen-Noah
Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeanne Johnson
City Secretary

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council on second reading this 16th day of February, 2008.


Francene Allen-Noah
Mayor

ATTEST:


Jeanne Johnson
City Secretary

RESOLUTION R090601B

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SNYDER,
TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A PROGRAM FOR
DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER
380, TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE**

WHEREAS, Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes a municipality to make a grant or gift of public monies or public services to promote state or local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the municipality;

WHEREAS, the City of Snyder actively promotes economic development and seeks to stimulate business and commercial activity in the City in order to better the quality of life for its citizens;

WHEREAS, the City of Snyder desires to provide a long-term significant positive impact on its community and to utilize local work force to the maximum extent feasible;

WHEREAS, the City of Snyder desires to use economic development programs as an effective tool for the enhancement and expansion of the City's commercial, economic and employment base for the long term best interest and benefit to the City; and

WHEREAS, a public purpose will be served by the expenditure of public funds or the provision of public services by reducing or eliminating unemployment or underemployment and developing and diversifying the economy of the City and the state.

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

The City of Snyder will, on a case-by-case basis, consider providing economic development incentives authorized by Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code to aid in the stimulation and expansion of economic development in the City.

All applicants for Chapter 380 incentives shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. Nothing herein shall imply or suggest that the City of Snyder is under any obligation to provide incentives to any applicant.

The City of Snyder may enter into incentive agreements with landowners with projects demonstrating an increased investment in buildings and fixed assets, increased employment or an increase in the City's sales tax.

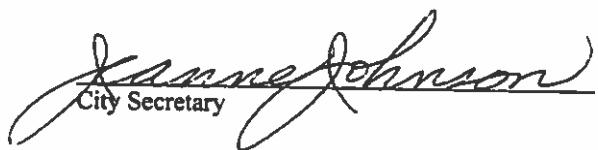
The proposed project should:

- 1) expand the local tax base;
- 2) create permanent full time employment opportunities;
- 3) make a contribution to enhancing further economic development;
- 4) not result in any unreasonable aesthetic and/or environmental concerns or give adverse impacts to adjacent properties; and
- 5) not result in any violation of the laws of the United States, the State of Texas or ordinances of the City of Snyder.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Snyder on this the 1st day of June, 2009.

Frances Allen-Noah
Mayor

ATTEST:


Janice Johnson
City Secretary