

RESOLUTION NO. 16-0861

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WINDSOR HEIGHTS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE A COST-SHARING PROGRAM FOR GREASE INTERCEPTORS

WHEREAS, Chapter 15A of the State of Iowa Code states that economic development is a public purpose, for which a city may provide grants, loans or incentives or other financial assistance for the benefit of private persons; and

WHEREAS, Economic Development means private or joint public and private investment involving the creation of new jobs and income or the retention of existing jobs and income that would otherwise be lost; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 19, 2004, the City passed Resolution 04-180 approving the Windsor Heights Economic Development Program in an effort to build on the community's strength, to promote businesses, and to retain and create employment for the community; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to strive to maintain a superior quality of life for its citizens, develop a strong workplace, develop the community's resources, attract new capital investment, broaden the City's tax base and insure economic stability for the City of Windsor Heights; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined it to be in the best interest of the City to include a cost-sharing program to assist food service establishments within the City with the costs associated with installing grease interceptors, which are required by Windsor Heights Code Chapter 100.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa, that the following cost-sharing program for grease interceptors be added and included in the Windsor Heights Economic Development Program.

Grease Interceptor Cost-Sharing Program

1. Purpose

The primary purpose of the Grease Interceptor Cost-Sharing Program is to assist the owners and/or tenants of eligible food service establishments in the installation of grease interceptors, by providing partial reimbursement of costs.

2. Location

The project must be located within the Windsor Heights Urban Renewal Area. The requested project must also further the Windsor Heights Economic Development Program, inclusive of any subsequent amendments.

3. Applicants

Applicants shall be owners or tenants of real property within the Windsor Heights Urban Renewal Area. Property must be considered non-residential (e.g. commercial, retail) unless it is a mixed use (residential being a clear secondary use). The use of the property must be for a food service establishment as that term is defined in Windsor Heights Code Chapter 100. Applicants for this program must be able to demonstrate financial capability to complete the project and long-term commitment to maintain the property in the condition to which it will be renovated.

4. Consistency with Governmental Regulations.

Eligible projects must demonstrate consistency with the City of Windsor Heights' Comprehensive Plan, land development standards, applicable zoning, and consistency with the Windsor Heights Urban Renewal Plan. The proposed project must meet all requirements of the City's building and safety code requirements, Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code, upon completion of the project.

5. Cost-Sharing Grant

Approved applicants shall be eligible to receive a cost-sharing grant in an amount up to 50% of the actual costs for grease interceptor. The City Council shall have sole discretion with respect to the approved percentage of the grant. All such grants shall be in the form of a refund of the applicant's verified out-of-pocket expenses for the grease interceptor. The applicant must pay for any additional costs over and above the maximum grant amount.

6. Application

The grant application must be completed and submitted to the City with the following additional items:

- i. Photographs of the existing building and the proposed project area.
- ii. Schematic drawings illustrating all proposed work, or pictures with project description outlined. Include a description of materials and methods to be used, depending on the proposed project.
- iii. Cost estimates for each aspect of the project, including any bids received for grease interceptors.
- iv. Any other documentation required by the City.

7. Application and Grant Availability

The applicant is advised that this grant is given at the sole discretion of the City of Windsor Heights and these criteria are used as a base to evaluate the Applicant's project, and does not create entitlement to funding. The application shall be reviewed by the City's Planning & Zoning Commission, the Project Review Committee and the City Council for completeness and eligibility prior to any approvals. All grant funds are subject to availability as authorized by, and at the sole discretion of the City.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2016

Diana Willits, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcia Woodke
Interim City Clerk