

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(CD 5) Authorize Execution of a Five-Year Tax Abatement Agreement with Maria Teresa Vargas for the Construction of a Single-Family Dwelling of Approximately 2,039 Square Feet and Having a Cost of at Least \$202,370.00 on Property Located at 4212 Ave J, in the Stop Six/Poly Neighborhood and within Neighborhood Empowerment Zone and Reinvestment Zone Area Six (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a five-year Tax Abatement Agreement with Maria Teresa Vargas for the construction of a single-family dwelling of approximately 2,039 square feet and having a cost of at least \$202,370.00 on property Located at 4212 Ave J, in the Stop Six/Poly Neighborhood and within Neighborhood Empowerment Zone and Reinvestment Zone Area Six, in accordance with the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone Program Basic Incentives and Tax Abatement Policy.

DISCUSSION:

Maria Teresa Vargas (Property Owner) is the owner of the property described as Lot 4, Block 8, College Heights Addition, an addition to the City of Fort Worth, according to the plat recorded in Volume 388, Page 47, Plat Records, Tarrant County, Texas, at 4212 Ave J, Fort Worth, Texas. The property is located within the Stop Six/Poly neighborhood and within Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) Area Six.

The Property Owner plans to invest an estimated amount of \$202,370.00 to construct a single-family residence of approximately 2,039 square feet (Project). The Project will be used as the homeowner's primary residence.

The Neighborhood Services Department reviewed the application and certified that the Property Owner and Project met the eligibility criteria to receive a NEZ Municipal Property Tax Abatement. The NEZ Basic Incentives include a five-year Municipal Property Tax Abatement on the increased value of improvements to the qualified owner of any new construction or rehabilitation within the NEZ.

Upon execution of the Tax Abatement Agreement (Agreement), the total assessed value of the improvements used for calculating municipal property tax will be frozen for a period of five years starting January 2022 at the estimated pre-improvement value as defined by the Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD) in December 2020 for the property as follows:

Pre-Improvement TAD Value of Improvements	\$ 0.00
Pre-Improvement Estimated Value of Land	\$10,000.00
Total Pre-Improvement Estimated Value	\$10,000.00

The municipal property tax on the improved value of the Project after construction is estimated in the amount of \$1,512.72 per year, for a total amount of \$7,563.60 over the five-year period. However, this estimate may differ from the actual tax abatement value, which will be calculated based on the TAD appraised value of the property.

In the event of a sale of this property, the Agreement may be assigned to a new owner's first mortgage or a new owner as a primary residence. All other assignments must be approved by the City Council.

This property is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 5.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon final approval of the Tax Abatement Agreement, a loss of an estimated \$7,563.60 in property tax revenue may occur over the five year period. This reduction in revenue will be incorporated into the long term financial forecast upon the Tax Abatement being officially granted.

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