

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MINOT CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR PROPERTIES IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROGRAM GUIDELINES, AND DESIGN STANDARDS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Minot has undertaken a number of studies of its Central Business District, commonly referred to as “downtown Minot;” and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan of 2012, the River Front and Center Plan of 2016, the IEDC Plan of 2018, and the Downtown Strategic Plan of 2019 all involved community stakeholders and community-wide input of Minot residents and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the studies identify the need for a stronger downtown, business environment, more restaurants and entertainment, and more residents with disposable income living there; and

WHEREAS, the studies specifically suggested the creation of a façade improvement program and development of a financial toolbox; and

WHEREAS, the downtown area contains a wealth of historic buildings and has several museums and cultural venues; and

WHEREAS, downtown is a walkable environment with a dense development pattern that will allow for the development of a critical mass of retail and other uses combined with housing; and

WHEREAS, the studies have pointed to downtown as a possible special attraction and a contributor to the Minot region’s overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the interface of downtown’s public space with private space is a unique feature in all of Minot; and

WHEREAS, downtown has a significant number of first-floor vacancies and an even higher level of upper floor vacancies; and

WHEREAS, there have been few redevelopment investments in downtown in the last half-century; and

WHEREAS, a number of post-war changes to building facades that have been made have not added to the fabric of the downtown or addressed property deterioration or vacancies; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the City of Minot support a vibrant downtown with a strong base of retail businesses, food and beverage operations, professional offices, entertainment venues, cultural venues and activities, and a variety of quality housing options; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the city support a live, work, learn, eat, play environment; and

WHEREAS, the downtown environment can be reasonably dense, encourage walkability, biking and engage the Souris River and the Park system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minot may undertake a redevelopment program as part of a more comprehensive approach that may be coupled to other programs in the future; and

WHEREAS, physical conditions of buildings must be addressed if the long-term maintenance of the buildings and their historic characteristics are to survive another century; and

WHEREAS, in order that these opportunities be pursued, that issues be addressed and improved for the benefit of local businesses, residents, and the region, that quality of life be improved for the long-term economic health of the City of Minot.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINOT:**

1. The City of Minot hereby approves and establishes, as an economic development activity, a Façade Improvement Program.
2. The City of Minot hereby approves the Program Guidelines, which specifically set forth the applicable public purpose, program goals, program and project eligibility standards, the application and approval process, and the supervisory controls that the City will have over the program and individual projects to ensure the public purpose of the program is met. The Program Guidelines are attached and incorporated into this Resolution as Exhibit 1.
3. The City of Minot hereby approves the Design Standards which provide specific direction on design requirements for eligible projects. The Design Standards are attached and incorporated into this Resolution as Exhibit 2.
4. Any modification to the Program Guidelines or Design Standards must be approved by a majority of the City Council.
5. This Resolution shall be effective on \_\_\_\_\_ and shall remain in effect until modified or terminated by a majority of the City Council.

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly Matalka, City Clerk

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Shaun Sipma, Mayor