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ORDINANCE NO. 3275

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCPHERSON, KANSAS (THE "CITY"), AUTHORIZING A PROGRAM FOR CASH PAYMENTS TO HOMEOWNERS RELOCATING TO MCPHERSON PAID ON QUALIFYING HOMES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS; AUTHORIZING STAFF TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FORMS AND AGREEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED BETWEEN THE CITY AND HOMEOWNERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM; AND, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS, Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution empowers cities to determine their local affairs and government; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of McPherson, Kansas (the "City"), in furtherance of its objectives to build stronger communities, create jobs and provide a more stable tax base, desires to stimulate relocation to and homeownership within the City's corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, as a means of stimulating relocation and home ownership, the Governing Body of the City finds it necessary and desirable to establish a program to be known as the Relocation Cash Assistance Payment which will provide cash payments on eligible properties, subject to certain limitations, conditions and restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MCPHERSON, KANSAS:

Section 1. Authorization of New Construction Homebuyer Incentive Program. Pursuant to the authority of Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution, the Governing Body of the City hereby authorizes the creation of the Relocation Cash Assistance Payments (hereinafter referred to as "RCAP"), which will provide a cash payment at closing, subject to certain limitations, conditions and restrictions as hereinafter described. Each year, the governing body will be required to appropriate and reserve funds to pay RCAP for that year. New applicants to the program shall be suspended in any year that funds are depleted or not allocated.

Section 2. Eligibility to Apply for Payments. Home owners may apply for RCAP on single-family, owner-occupied homes, whether stand-alone housing or part of a multiunit structure as long as fee title to the residence is acquired, together with the underlying land and appurtenances, with the closing of the sale on or after the effective date of this ordinance, if the applicant(s), satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

- a. The property is a newly constructed home which has not previously been occupied or has not been rented for more than twenty-four (24) months by the original builder/developer ("New Home") or if the home does not qualify as a New Home, it shall be deemed an Existing Home;
- b. The property is located in a platted development, within the City's corporate limits, and all special assessment and general tax obligations on all buildable lots (meaning platted lots currently served by existing street, utility and drainage infrastructure sufficient to support residential structures that could be constructed thereon) within such development are paid current;
- c. All special assessment and general tax obligations on the property for which application is made must have been paid current as of the date the applicant home owner closed the purchase of the property, and must still be current as of the date of application;
- d. The property must not be located within a tax increment finance district or receive any other City incentive whether existing now or in the future or be participating in the New Construction Homebuyer Incentive Program, Rural Housing Incentive District or have received any RCAP from the City previously;
- e. The homebuyer of a New Home or Existing Home is moving into the City from a residence outside of the McPherson City Limits. The homebuyer may have a temporary residence within the City limits for up to 6 months prior to purchase, but may not own the residence. The homebuyer must have had an address outside the McPherson City Limits for at least thirty of the thirty-six months prior to applying for RCAP. City staff shall develop policy for acceptable proof of prior residency.
- f. An employer of the homeowner makes a matching payment to the homeowner referencing McPherson's RCAP and reasonable proof thereof is provided to the City;
- g. As part of the application process, the applicant(s) must furnish a properly completed Form W-9 and must enter into an Agreement to be developed by

City staff, which will provide evidence satisfactory to the City of RCAP eligibility;

- h. The original builder/developer of an otherwise qualified house or any “related party” to such original builder/developer shall not be eligible to receive any benefits under this program. For purposes of this Program, “related party” shall include any entity in which an applicant has a ten percent (10%) or greater ownership interest or any family member of the original builder/developer, or owner thereof, if related as spouse, parent or child.

Section 3. Applications and Application Period. Application for participation in RCAP shall be made on forms to be developed by City staff, and applications will be received from and after January 1, 2019.

Section 4. Payments. Once an application is approved for an eligible property, and the owner(s) have entered into the Program Agreement with the City, the City, subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Kansas Cash Basis and Budget Laws and the further conditions, limitations and restrictions referenced in Section 5, below, will pay four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for New Homes and two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for Existing Homes at closing by check made payable to the Buyer. City employees otherwise qualifying for RCAP shall receive either four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for a New Home or two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for an Existing Home, but shall not receive the employer match.

Section 5. Suspension and Early Termination of RCAP. The City Administrator or designee shall have the authority to suspend RCAP at any time cash allocated for the program is insufficient to meet anticipated needs as long as such suspension is reported at the next regularly scheduled RCAP shall be terminated early, in the event that the owners of the property; a) fail to close; or b) fail to comply with any other obligation or condition of the Program Agreement.

Section 6. Authorization Program Agreement. City staff are authorized and directed to develop forms consistent with the requirements, conditions, limitations and restrictions of this Ordinance, and the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute and deliver such Program Agreements with potential home owners whose applications have been approved, on behalf of the City.

Section 7. Further Authority. The City shall, and the officers, agents and employees of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take such further actions as may be from time to time necessary for administration of the RCAP and to carry out and give effect to the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on and be in full force and effect on the later of October 1, 2018, and from and after its passage, signature and publication of a summary of this ordinance in the official city newspaper and posting of the full text of the ordinance on the City's website in compliance with K.S.A. 12-3007(b).

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY this 16th day of July, 2018, for the City of McPherson, Kansas.

CITY OF MCPHERSON, KANSAS

Thomas A. Brown, Mayor

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Attest:

Tamra K. Seely, City Clerk

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Ordinance No. 3275, Summary

On July 16, 2018, the City of McPherson, Kansas adopted Ordinance No. 3275 to authorize a program for cash payments to homeowners of the City relocating to McPherson paid on qualifying homes, subject to certain limitations, conditions and restrictions, authorizing staff to prepare appropriate application forms and agreements to be executed between the City and homeowners participating in the program; and, authorizing the City Administrator to execute such agreements on behalf of the City. A complete copy of this Ordinance is available at www.mcpcity.com or at the Municipal Center, 400 E. Kansas, McPherson, Kansas. Jeffrey A. Houston, City Attorney, certified this summary.