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JERRI McCUTCHEN  
County Clerk, Sterling County, Texas  
By [Signature], Deputy

ORDER NO. # 2020

**AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF STERLING COUNTY, TEXAS: (1) APPROVING THE TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR STERLING COUNTY, TEXAS; (2) APPROVING COUNTY ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN TAX ABATEMENT AND OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND (3) ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT.**

**WHEREAS**, Sterling County, Texas (“County”) is a county of the State of Texas, having been duly created and organized under the constitution and laws of Texas, and further, the Sterling County Commissioners Court (“Commissioners Court”) is the governing body of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article V, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution, Chapter 381 of the Texas Local Government Code (“Chapter 381”), and Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code (“Chapter 312”) and other authority, the County may participate in tax abatement agreements and other authorized economic development activities as part of an economic development program designed to stimulate economic development and business and commercial activity in Sterling County, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapters 381 and 312, and the exercise of its lawful authority, discretion, and best business judgment, the Commissioners Court desires by this order to (1) approve, adopt, and implement the **Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria for Sterling County, Texas** (“Guidelines”), on this the effective date of the Guidelines, in the form and scope described in the attached **Exhibit 1**, in order to stimulate economic development and business and commercial activity in Sterling County, Texas, and (2) approve County eligibility to participate in tax abatement and other economic development as allowed by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court declares that the successful enactment and implementation of the Guidelines, as described in **Exhibit 1**, shall achieve or substantially accomplish all public purposes described in the Guidelines and this order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Commissioners Court of Sterling County, Texas, for and on behalf of said County and in the public interest, as follows:

- (1) Unless otherwise designated, the past, present, or future tense shall each include the other, the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall each include the other, and the singular and plural number shall each include the other where necessary for a correct meaning.

- (2) All statements made in the caption and preliminary recitals of this order, and all attached documents, are incorporated by reference.
- (3) The Commissioners Court hereby approves, adopts, and shall implement the **Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria for Sterling County, Texas**, in the form and scope described in the attached **Exhibit 1**, in order to stimulate economic development and business and commercial activity in Sterling County, Texas.
- (4) All prior enacted County guidelines and criteria for tax abatement are rescinded, superseded, and replaced by the enactment of the attached Guidelines.
- (5) Pursuant to the authority herein described, the Commissioners Court: (a) elects for Sterling County to become eligible to participate in tax abatement and other economic development; and (b) declares County intent to participate in tax abatement agreements and other economic development agreements, from time to time, through the exercise of the lawful authority, discretion, and best business judgment of the Commissioners Court in order to stimulate economic development and business and commercial activity in Sterling County, Texas.
- (6) All conditions precedent for the lawful approval and adoption of the Guidelines have been accomplished as required by law, including the: (a) performance of all required public notice, and (b) the holding of a required public hearing.
- (7) This order shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.
- (8) This matter was ordered, adopted, and approved at a meeting held in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**ORDERED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

**THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF  
STERLING COUNTY, TEXAS**



County Judge  
Sterling County, Texas



*Ron Copeland*

County Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Sterling County, Texas

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County Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Sterling County, Texas

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County Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Sterling County, Texas

*Reed Stewart*

County Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Sterling County, Texas

**ATTEST:**

*[Signature]*

County Clerk  
Sterling County, Texas

or

Deputy County Clerk  
Sterling County, Texas

