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ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE CITY OF ANTONIO'S FEE WAIVER PROGRAM TO ALIGN WITH THE STRATEGIC HOUSING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2018-12-13-0996, passed and approved on December 13, 2018, the City Council adopted the City of San Antonio's Fee Waiver Program (the "CoSA Fee Waiver Program"); and

WHEREAS, the goals of the CoSA Fee Waiver Program are to: (1) Support the creation and preservation of affordable and moderate-rate housing citywide; (2) Increase redevelopment of underutilized buildings through the rehabilitation, upgrade, and adaptive reuse of existing structures; and (3) Encourage the development and expansion of small businesses, legacy businesses, and targeted industry development projects; and

WHEREAS, the CoSA Fee Waiver Program provides financial assistance in the form of City and SAWS fee waivers, as well as staff support for assistance in navigating regulatory and procedural processes, to projects meeting program criteria in one of the following four categories: affordable housing, owner-occupied rehabilitation, historic rehabilitation, and business development; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the City began work on a Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP) to actualize strategies presented in the Housing Policy Framework that was accepted by City Council in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the SHIP will be developed in collaboration with community and housing stakeholders and will include an outreach and input process to receive community input that will be overseen by the Housing Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Neighborhood and Housing Services Department led an extensive outreach and input process for the SHIP; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation from the process was to review City-led incentive programs, including the CoSA Fee Waiver Program, and bring them into alignment with the goals and strategies set forth in the SHIP; and

WHEREAS, recommended updates incorporate recommendations made by the Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing Committee; improve equity in how projects are awarded fee waivers, address the impact of the program sunset of the Center City Housing Incentive Policy (CCHIP); and to allow for other process improvements; and

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WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to approve staff's proposed amendments to the CoSA Fee Waiver Program which are set forth in **Attachment I. NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The amendments to the City of San Antonio Fee Waiver Program (the "CoSA Fee Waiver Program") to bring the program into alignment with the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP), a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Attachment I**, are hereby approved.

SECTION 2. Funding is available in the FY 2022 General Fund budget to support the City of San Antonio Fee Waiver Program. SAWS fee waivers have been made available to the City through Ordinance 2020-11-12-0829 that covers a five-year period from FY 2021 to FY 2025.

SECTION 3. the Chief Financial Officer or designee is authorized to perform the appropriate financial allocations to carry out the intent of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of December, 2021.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, Acting City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney