

JOINT RESOLUTION

JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY AND THE OKLAHOMA CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST (“TRUST”) CERTIFYING THAT PROJECT GALAXY, A PROPOSED FEATURE FILM, IS AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT UNDER THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM’S FILM INCENTIVE PROGRAM; APPROVING AN ALLOCATION NOT TO EXCEED \$880,000 IN PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE FILM INCENTIVES; AND AUTHORIZING THE TRUST GENERAL MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A FILM INCENTIVE AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT GALAXY.

WHEREAS, The City of Oklahoma City (“City”) is an Oklahoma municipal corporation operating under a City Charter and the laws of the State of Oklahoma. The Oklahoma City Economic Development Trust, a public trust whose sole beneficiary is the City, was created by Trust Indenture dated October 9, 2007, for the purpose, in part, of promoting and assisting the City with economic and community development and redevelopment projects; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Trust created a local economic development incentive program (the Strategic Investment Program or “SIP”) in 2007 to provide job creation and other incentives. Over the years, the SIP has been amended to allow for incentives for other programs which also serve economic or community development purposes, such as the Leverage Fund Program, the Land Assemblage Program, the Affordable Housing Program, and more. Most recently, the SIP was amended in 2022 with the addition of a Film Incentive Program, an economic development program; and

WHEREAS, the funding for projects qualifying for SIP incentives has generally been provided by the City’s General Obligation Limited Tax (“GOLT”) bond proceeds as authorized under 62 Okla. Stat. § 800 *et seq.* (“Municipal and County Economic and Community Development Bonds Act”). GOLT bond authorizations were approved by the citizens of Oklahoma City, for economic and community development purposes, in 2007 and again in 2017. Only 2017 GOLT funds are available for use today; and

WHEREAS, GOLT bond funds may legally be used for qualified economic or community development purposes including economic development programs such as the Film Incentive Program (62 O.S. § 802(5)(j)); and

WHEREAS, the Trust contracts with the Oklahoma City Economic Development Foundation (“Foundation”), a division of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, to promote the Film Incentive Program, receive applications for film incentives, and vet those applications for compliance with the criteria established in the SIP. The Foundation has received and vetted an application for film incentives which the Foundation believes fits the criteria outlined

in the SIP and as such, qualifies as an Eligible Project (a feature film intended for commercial distribution to a motion picture theater, directly to the home video market or via the Internet that has a running time of at least 75 minutes in length); and

WHEREAS, the production of films, television programs and similar projects within the City is beneficial and contributes to its economy by providing local jobs, increasing business for local companies and vendors, and generating additional sales tax within the City. By encouraging such economic development, the City can create economic diversification, such as allowing the City a wider range of public revenue and employment sources which improve cross-industry cooperation, productivity rates and the health of the local labor market; and

WHEREAS, an application was filed with the Foundation for film incentives for the Feature Film, Project Galaxy. The Foundation finds that Project Galaxy will generate an estimated \$8,800,000 in Qualified Expenditures and an overall impact estimated at \$21,522,615; and

WHEREAS, the City's Film Incentive Program provides for increased incentives up to 10% of eligible expenditures for projects exceeding minimum requirements and meeting additional criteria; and

WHEREAS, the application indicates that filming will take place at an Oklahoma City sound stage, more than 90% of filming days will occur within Oklahoma City, more than 90% of the crew will be Oklahoma City metro area residents, and more than 50% of the contract vendors will be subject to Oklahoma City Sales Tax; and all of these factors qualify Project Galaxy for an increased incentive award of 10% of eligible expenditures; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Feature Film and upon documenting compliance with the terms and conditions of the Film Incentive Program and agreement to be negotiated, application may be made to the Trust for a pay-for-performance film incentive in an amount not exceeding \$880,000; and

WHEREAS, the City and Trust find that the Production of this Feature Film will be beneficial to the residents of Oklahoma City by not only creating employment opportunities and increased sales tax, but also in the promotion of long-term diversification of the Oklahoma City economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City and Trust that the proposed Feature Film, Project Galaxy, is an Eligible Project under the Strategic Investment Program's Film Incentive Program; an allocation not to exceed \$880,000 in pay-for-performance film incentives is approved; and the Trust General Manager is authorized to negotiate a film incentive agreement for Project Galaxy.

ADOPTED by the Trustees and signed by the Chairman of the Oklahoma City Economic Development Trust this 25TH day of MARCH, 2025.

ATTEST:

Mindi Graham
Secretary



Todd Stansbury
Chairman

ADOPTED by the Council and signed by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City this 22ND day of APRIL, 2025.

ATTEST:

Amy K Simpson
City Clerk



David Holt
Mayor

REVIEWED for form and legality.

[Signature]

Assistant/Deputy Municipal Counselor