

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS, IN SUPPORT OF BRINGING A STORE TO THE CITY TO PROVIDE THE HIGHLAND COMMUNITY WITH GROCERIES AND IN RECOGNITION OF BEING A FOOD DESERT COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the City of Highland, Kansas is a municipal corporation, providing services and infrastructure within the corporate city limits, while supporting the provision of supplies and services to the city and surrounding community by private enterprise;

WHEREAS, said city, previously having been served by active grocery stores, but having lost the last remaining store several years ago, is now recognized as a food desert community, with the closest food supply retail store being approximately 15 or more miles in any direction; and

WHEREAS, said city is still a vibrant, active small town and is the home of Highland Community College and USD 111 Doniphan West High School, each of which employ numerous personnel that live outside of the corporate city limits, and when consideration is given to said employees and students, the population of the town is vastly increased on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, sporting and other public events at the above institutions bring significant numbers of people to the city which frequent local businesses both before and after attending; and

WHEREAS, the governing body and constituents of said city are unanimously supportive of bringing a store into the city for the supply of retail grocery items and other related products.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Highland, Kansas:

BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the City of Highland is devoted to enhancing the quality of life for the residence of the Highland community and recognizes the importance of eliminating the status of said city as a food desert community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said city wishes to formally document its support for such store and encourages the recruitment, development, location and construction of a facility to house and operate a business establishment that will provide the sale of retail grocery items to serve the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said City does hereby commit to lend its support for such store, to the extent of its resources, and to work with and assist such business in connection with matters related to infrastructure, including utilities, zoning, street design and related issues, all in accordance with the ordinances of said city and in the best interests of the community.

ADOPTED by the governing body of the City of Highland, Kansas, this 14th day of February, 2024.

  
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Charles N. Batchelder, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Joann Karn, City Clerk