

**Resolution No. 16-192**

**A resolution authorizing the creation of the Arlington Tourism Public Improvement District; making findings to include the advisability of the proposed improvements, the estimated cost, the methods of assessment and collection service thereof, and the apportionment of cost between the District and the City; approving the Service and Assessment Plan for the Arlington Tourism Public Improvement District; and providing for publication and an effective date thereof**

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington, Texas (the "City") is authorized under Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code (the "Act") to create a public improvement district within its corporate limits and within its extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, as of September 6, 2016, 29 owners of the 42 separate hotel properties within the City with 75 or more rooms had signed, submitted to the City that certain Petition Requesting Establishment of a Tourism Public Improvement District (TPID) in the City of Arlington, Texas (the "Petition") requesting the establishment of a tourism public improvement district that pursuant to this resolution will be known as the Arlington Tourism Public Improvement District (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, the Act states that the Petition is sufficient if signed by owners of more than 60% of the appraised value of taxable real property liable for the proposed assessment, and either of the following: more than 60% of all record owners of taxable real property that are liable for the proposed assessment or more than 60% of the area of all taxable real property that is liable for the proposed assessment; and the Petition complies with the Act and thus the City Council is authorized to make findings as to the advisability of the proposed improvement, its estimated cost, the method of assessment, and the apportionment of cost between the proposed PID and the city as a whole, and to consider the creation of the District; and

WHEREAS, the City provided notice and publication as required by the Act and on September 6, 2016, conducted a public hearing on the advisability of the improvements and services and the creation of the District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adjourned and closed such public hearing; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

- Section 1. (a) Advisability of the Improvements Proposed for the District: It is advisable to create the District to provide the public improvements and services described in the Petition and this Resolution. The District Improvements (hereinafter defined) will promote the interests of the City and will confer a special benefit on the assessed property within the District.
- (b) Nature of the Improvements: The general nature of the proposed public improvements (the “District Improvements”) include: special supplemental services relating to District marketing, business recruitment, and promotional activities authorized by the Act for improvement and promotion of the District, including the provision of incentives by the Arlington Tourism Public Improvement District Corporation through the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau to organizations to encourage them to bring their large and city wide meetings to Arlington and to fund marketing by the Arlington Tourism Public Improvement District Corporation through the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau to increase hotel stays within the City.
- (c) Estimated Cost of the Improvements: The estimated cost of the improvements provided by the District over the ten-year term is approximately \$39,501,032.
- (d) Boundaries: The hotel properties included in the District are set forth in Exhibit “A”.
- (e) Method of assessment: The assessment rate for all hotel properties within the District shall be two percent of the price paid to the hotel for a room in a hotel.
- (f) Apportionment of Cost Between the City and the District: The City will not be obligated to provide any funds to finance the proposed District Improvements. All of the costs of the proposed District Improvements will be paid by assessments of the property within the District and from other sources of funds, if any, available to the District.


Section 2. The Arlington Tourism Public Improvement District is hereby authorized and created as a Public Improvement District under the Act in accordance with the findings as to the advisability of the District Improvements contained in this Resolution. The District shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions, limitations and reservations contained in the findings of Section 1 of this Resolution.

Section 3. The City hereby approves the District’s Service and Assessment Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit “B.”


Section 4. The City Secretary is directed to give notice of the authorization for the renewal of the District by publishing a copy of this Resolution once in a newspaper of general circulation in Tarrant County. Such authorization shall take effect and the District shall be deemed created effective upon the publication of such notice. The District shall automatically dissolve on September 6, 2026 unless the District is renewed through the petition and approval process as provided by the Act or the District is sooner terminated as provided by the Act.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and it is accordingly so resolved.

PRESENTED AND PASSED on this the 6th day of September, 2016, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.

  
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W. JEFF WILLIAMS, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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MARY W. SUPINO, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
TERIS SOLIS, City Attorney

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