**RESOLUTION 20-254**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURN, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL DECLARING A SLUM AND BLIGHT AREA WITHIN DOWNTOWN WOODBURN THAT REQUIRES REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Woodburn desires to undertake various projects including, but not limited to, certain sidewalk, ramp, streetscape, streetlight and stormwater improvements (collectively, the “Projects”) to prevent, eliminate, and improve certain slums or blight areas within the corporate limits of the City of Woodburn, Indiana (the “City”), and more specifically, downtown Woodburn; and

WHEREAS, identifying such areas of slum and blight is necessary for effective action to improving slum and blighted areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 24 CFR 570.483(c)(1), the Projects are considered to address prevention and elimination of slums or blight areas if the area delineated by the City meets the definition of a slum, blighted, deteriorated or deteriorating area under state or local law; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-7-1-3, defines areas needing redevelopment (formally defined as blighted) as an area in which normal development and occupancy are undesirable or impossible because of any of the following: (1) lack of development; (2) cessation of growth; (3) deteriorating improvements; (4) environmental contamination; (5) character of occupancy; (6) age; (7) obsolescence; (8) substandard buildings; or (9) other factors that impair values or prevent a normal use or development of property; and

WHEREAS, public facilities within portions of the downtown area are deteriorated or in a state of deterioration as evidenced by sidewalks that are in disrepair and that there is a lack of development, cessation of growth, and impairment and prevention of the normal use and development of property caused by wide vehicular access drives that intersect the walkways at several locations impacting connectivity and creating safety issues that could result in injury by limiting the ability for safe and seamless pedestrian travel throughout the downtown corridor; limited handicapped accessible streetscape accommodations in the form of missing and/or undersized sidewalks and intersection ramps that do not comply with ADA standards and which cause mobility barriers to individuals with disabilities and the accessibility devices they must rely upon, thus impeding their utilization of the downtown facilities; inadequate lighting that reduces personal security at night as well as creates driver and pedestrian visibility issues that limit safe travel and parking due to stumbling and falling; and deficient storm water facilities comprised of 50+ year-old vitrified clay pipe that is being compressed by walkway settling creating low spots and drainage issues that restrict flow and thereby reduce the integrity of the storm line; all contributing to a need for redevelopment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Woodburn finds that the following area of downtown Woodburn is an area in which normal development and occupancy are undesirable or impossible for the reasons above-stated and is hereby designated and delineated as an area needing redevelopment (formally blighted) as defined by Indiana Code 36-7-1-3: One block of Main Street from Becker Road to Carl Street.

Adopted and Resolved this 7th day of December, 2020.

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**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURN, INDIANA**

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Timothy Cummins, Clerk-Treasurer

The foregoing resolution passed by the Council is signed and approved ( ) / not approved ( ) by me on the same date.

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Joseph Kelsey, Mayor for the City of Woodburn