

RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION AMENDING TEXAS CODE TO AUTHORIZE A MUNICIPALITY THAT HAS A POPULATION OF 96,000 OR MORE AND THAT IS LOCATED IN A COUNTY THAT BORDERS LAKE PALESTINE AND THAT HAS A POPULATION OF 173,000 OR MORE, TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ACCESS CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC FINANCE OPTIONS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HOTEL CONFERENCE CENTER THAT OTHER TEXAS MUNICIPALITIES HAVE BENEFITED FROM.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to promote the general welfare of the citizens of Tyler; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tyler is a home-rule municipality acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article 11, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution, and other statutory authority; and

WHEREAS, Tourism is a primary economic development strategy identified by the Tyler community; and

WHEREAS, Establishing a hotel conference center on city-owned property will provide a competitive advantage to the region in attracting tourism, which results in fresh dollars entering the community;

WHEREAS, under current law, the City does not qualify for certain state tax rebates that can be used to pay for the debt associated with building the conference center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS:

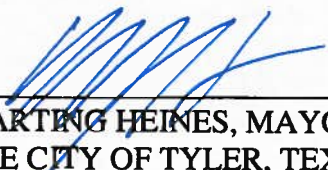
PART 1: That the Tyler City Council hereby seeks the passage of legislation during the 84th session of the Texas Legislature to amend the Texas Tax Code to qualify the City of Tyler for the state tax rebates currently available to other municipalities.

PART 2: In the event that the supported legislation is adopted by the Texas Legislature, it is the express intent of the Tyler City Council to use and resulting revenue to offset expenses related to the hotel conference center.

PART 3: That the City Manager and City staff are hereby directed to continue their efforts and cooperation with all appropriate State legislators in support of this proposed legislation.

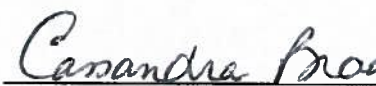
PART 4: That this resolution shall become effective immediately from and after its passage and approval by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of February, A.D., 2015.




MARTIN HEINES, MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:



CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



DEBORAH PULLUM, CITY ATTORNEY

