

## **RESOLUTION 2006 – 3**

### **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN EMPLOYEE BASED UTILITY CREDIT FOR NEW BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS the best interests of the City of St. Francis, Kansas, are served by a strong and viable local economy; and

WHEREAS the City should and does encourage and support the establishment of new businesses and economic development within the City and its environs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS:

SECTION 1: There is hereby established an employee based municipal utility incentive for new business and/or for new owners of an existing business.

SECTION 2: A business is defined as a commercial for profit enterprise which provides goods and/or services to the public.

SECTION 3: To qualify as a new business, the applicant must have established a new commercial utility account for a non-residential premises located either in a business zoned area of the City or at a location for which a variance has been granted by the City Council to allow for the conduct of a business in a non-business zoned area.

SECTION 4: To qualify as a new owner of an existing business, the applicant, in addition to complying with section 3 of this resolution, must also have acquired an existing business pursuant to an arms length transaction and not enjoyed either a prior beneficial or economic interest in the acquired business.

SECTION 5. The incentive shall consist of a nonrefundable credit to the business's monthly municipal utility bill as follows:

- 1 to 2 full time employees - a credit of up to \$100 per month for 6 months.
- 3 to 5 full time employees - a credit of up to \$100 per month for 12 months.
- 6 or more employees - a credit of up to \$100 per month for 18 months.

A full time employee is defined as an individual who works a minimum of 35 hours per week and includes an owner/sole proprietor.

SECTION 6. In order to qualify for the utility credit, an applicant must submit an application for the same to the City Clerk with the application then being approved by the City Council. Application forms will be available at the City Office.

SECTION 7. The effective date of this resolution shall be upon approval and adoption by the City Council; however, if made effective, any new business or new owner of an existing business that commenced operation after January 1, 2006 shall be eligible to apply for the municipal utility credit.

**ADOPTED, PASSED AND APPROVED** by the governing body of the City of St. Francis, Kansas on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2006.

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SCOTT SCHULTZ, Mayor

Attest:

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Mary P. Lampe, City Clerk