

RESOLUTION 2006 – 5

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING UTILITY HOOKUP INCENTIVES FOR
NEW COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION**

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; and

WHEREAS new construction of new facilities for the commencement of commercial activities brings the prospect of new employment opportunities, ancillary benefits to existing supporting businesses and the broadening of the City's tax base.

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

SECTION 1: There is hereby established an incentive program for the construction of new commercial structures within the City limits or within those areas contiguous to the City which are within the City's utility service boundaries.

SECTION 2: New commercial business is defined as commercial activity, open to the public, carried on for a profit and connected with trade and traffic or commerce in general.

SECTION 3: New commercial structure is defined as the construction, erection or placement of a new building and/or facility on real estate not previously developed for commercial purposes.

SECTION 4: To qualify for the new commercial construction, utility hookup incentive, the individual or entity requesting the same must submit an application to the City for a building permit, have the application approved, request and utilize City provided utility services.

SECTION 5. The incentive shall consist, once approved by the City Council, of a waiver by the City of a water connection fee for a one inch (1") water line (City Code 15-207), sewer connection fee (City Code 15-403A and 403B) and any fees or costs associated with bringing one-phase electrical service to an utility pole located at the property line of the lot upon which the new commercial structure is to be placed.

SECTION 6. Request for larger water line and/or multiple phase electrical service waivers, abatements, or cost share treatment shall be considered by the City Council on a case by case basis.

SECTION 7. The effective date of this resolution shall be upon approval and adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED, PASSED AND APPROVED by the governing body of the City of St. Francis, Kansas on the 6th day of June, 2006.

SCOTT SCHULTZ, Mayor

Attest:

Mary P. Lampe, City Clerk