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ORDINANCE NO. 2407

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NEW
CONSTRUCTION**

Whereas; the City of Blue Rapids is desirous of providing additional incentives to property owners to build new single or multi-family homes within the city limits of Blue Rapids, Kansas;

Whereas; the City of Blue Rapids has an agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Marshall County to provide property tax rebates via the Marshall County Neighborhood Revitalization Program;

Whereas; the cost of new construction may be less than the resulting fair market value of the property; and,

Whereas, there are over 50 vacant or unhabitable homes and over 30 vacant lots within the city limits which are favorable for demolition and construction of new homes;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BLUE RAPIDS, KANSAS that an incentive program to encourage new construction of single or multi-family residential homes within the city limits is hereby established.

Section 1. Application. Any person seeking to participate in the program must file an application with City, subject to approval by the City Council. The application must contain a statement from the applicant describing the construction project and the use of the property. The application must contain a valid building permit. If the applicant participates in Marshall County Neighborhood Revitalization Program, the application must provide verification that the applicant is registered and enrolled therein.

Section 2. Water Connection: The City will install the water line from the main water line to the foundation of the new structure for up to 125 feet at no cost to the property owner and will waive all further installation fees. No initial water connect fees will be charged. Any water line longer than 125 feet will be assessed installation charges based on the footage over 125 feet.

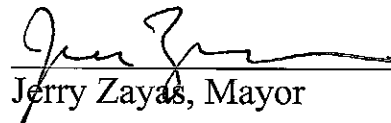
Section 3. Sewer: The City will install the sewer line from the main sewer line to the foundation of the new structure up to 125 feet at no cost to the applicant and will waive all sewer installation fees. Any sewer line longer than 125 feet will be assessed installation charges based on the footage over 125 feet.

Section 4. City Services: The City will rebate the sum of \$1,000 for city services (water, sewer, and refuse) to be paid by the City to the property owner after the first year of service connection. At the time that the rebate is to be paid, the applicant must be in good standing with respect to the payment of the City bills for water, sewer and refuse and must also be in good standing with respect to the Marshall County Neighborhood Revitalization Program if the applicant is participating in such property tax rebate program.

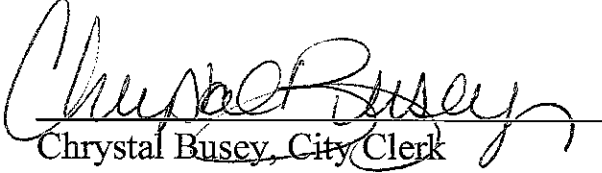
Section 5. New Construction Requirement: This ordinance shall apply only to new construction and shall not apply to remodeling or rehabilitation of existing structures. Nor does the ordinance apply to the construction of garage or other storage building or facilities. This ordinance shall apply only to new structures that are be used as residential or living quarters.

Section 6: Effective date: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Blue Rapids, Kansas.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON this 18 day of November, 2020.


Jerry Zayas, Mayor

Attest:


Chrystal Busey, City Clerk

