ORDINANCE NO. ____________

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH, ADMINISTER AND FUND THE “SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM” TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING, THROUGH PURCHASE OF GIFT CARDS, TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC STIMULUS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the enhancement of the local economy is in the best interest of the citizens of Fate and the economic development of the community is a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fate, Texas at a duly called meeting convened on Monday, March 16th, 2020, declared a local state of disaster due to public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Covid-19 poses a direct and imminent threat to the local economy because of the disruption to virtually all business operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fate desires to support restaurants and food service business, and other businesses suffering financial harm as a result of the Covid-19 restrictions that are necessary to preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created “Small Business Relief Program” for the purpose of providing of supporting Fate’s restaurants and food service-related businesses and all of the City’s small businesses suffering disruption to their operations, to provide economic stimulus to all said business for losses incurred from March 17, 2020 through September 30, 2020 as a result of local state of disaster due to COVID19 (the “Program”).

SECTION 2. The Program incentives provided by this Ordinance shall not exceed $5,000 for any single business up to a total for all incentives of $50,000.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby delegates to the City Manager sole discretion to determine the eligibility for an incentive under this Ordinance. Eligibility shall be based on past retail receipts, number of years of the business has operated in Fate and any other meritorious consideration to promote the public purpose.

SECTION 4. The City Council may seek to fund the Program created under this Ordinance from any appropriate municipal source including but not limited to general funds or grants by the Fate Development Corporation (“FDC”) and the Municipal Development District (“MDD”), in order to provide economic stimulus to the local economy and retain businesses in compliance with the use of funds under state law and this Ordinance.
SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

SECTION 6: That this ordinance shall become effective immediately form and after its passage.


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Joe Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vickey Raduechel, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Brenda N. McDonald, City Attorney