**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LA HARPE CITY CODE BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE 10 RELATING TO INCENTIVES FOR CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE CITY OF LAHARPE, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 1763.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAHARPE, KANSAS:**

**Section 1**: Chapter IV of the LaHarpe City Code is hereby amended by adding a new Article 10 to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 10. BUILDING INCENTIVES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION**

**4-1001 Eligible Structures**. The following structures shall be eligible for the building incentives described in Section 4-1002.

(a) A Small Residential Structure that:

(1) Is new construction

(2) Is set on a solid foundation of rock, brick, cement, or other like materials under the exterior walls

(3) Is completed within an 18-month period, and

(4) Has an interior square footage of between 500 square feet and 999 square feet and an appraised value of $25,000 or more.

(b) A Large Residential Structure that:

(1) Is new construction

(2) Is set on a solid foundation of rock, brick, cement, or other like materials under the exterior walls

(3) Is completed within an 18-month period, and

(4) Has an interior square footage of 1000 square feet or more and an appraised value of $50,000 or more.

(c) A Commercial Structure that:

(1) Is new construction

(2) Is set on a solid foundation of rock, brick, cement, or other like materials under the exterior walls

(3) Is completed within an 18-month period, and

(4) Satisfies at least two of the following:

(i) Has an appraised value of at least $50,000

(ii) Is the site of a business that employs 3 or more full time people

(iii) Has at least 2,500 square feet of interior space.

**4-1002 Incentives.** (a) The City will provide as an incentive for the construction of a Small Residential Structure as described above a $500 credit against future city utility charges. The credit will appear on the first monthly utility billing statement following completion of the Small project and the filing and approval of an application for such incentive by the owner.

(b) The City will provide as an incentive for the construction of a Large Residential Structure or a Commercial Structure as described above a waiver of all city utility hookup fees and the installation of a water and sewer service line to the structure’s foundation at the City’s expense.

**4-1003 Application.** Application for a building incentive shall be made by the landowner on an application form provided by the City. Application shall be made no later than 90 days after city utility services are connected to the Eligible Structure.

**Section 2.** The existing provisions of Ordinance 1763 are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication one time in the official city newspaper.

**PASSED BY THE COUNCIL THIS 8th DAY OF JULY 2020.**

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 8th DAY OF JULY 2020.**

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**Ella Mae Crowell, Mayor**

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