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WHEREAS, the City of Dallas (“City”) recognizes the importance of its continued role in local economic development; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2023, City Council authorized the City of Dallas Economic Development Incentive Policy by Resolution No. 23-0220, and on March 27, 2024, City Council authorized amendments to the Economic Development Incentive Policy by Resolution No. 24-0435; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Incentive Policy defines the conditions under which the City may approve economic development incentives as authorized under Chapters 373, 378, and 380 of the Texas Local Government Code and 311 and 312 of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code (Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, as amended) requires any taxing jurisdiction wishing to enter into tax abatement agreements to establish guidelines and criteria governing tax abatement agreements as well as hold a public hearing on those guidelines and criteria every two years; and

WHEREAS, specifically pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, Section III (Subsections 1 and 2.1) of the Economic Development Incentive Policy serves as the City’s adopted guidelines and criteria governing tax abatements; and

WHEREAS, with City Council’s authorization of the current Economic Development Incentive Policy scheduled to expire on December 31, 2024, the City Council is required to hold a public hearing and renew the adoption of guidelines and criteria governing tax abatements for a new two-year period; and

WHEREAS, additionally, following the August 1, 2024, dissolution of the City’s Small Business Center (SBC) and realignment of certain SBC-related functions to the Office of Economic Development over the past four months, staff is now recommending updates and amendments to the Economic Development Incentive Policy that are necessary for the Office of Economic Development to fully assume administrative responsibility for those certain functions; and

WHEREAS, staff is recommending the changes to the Economic Development Incentive Policy to reflect the dissolution of the SBC, addition of a Small Business Program, addition of an Innovation Program, amendment of the South Dallas/Fair Park Opportunity Fund Program Statement, amendment of the Southern Dallas Investment Fund Program Statement, amendment of Neighborhood Empowerment Zone #9 and #10, amendment of the Community Development Plan, and other minor updates and technical corrections; and

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WHEREAS, on November 25, 2024, the South Dallas/Fair Park Opportunity Fund Board of Directors reviewed and unanimously approved the recommended amendment of the South Dallas/Fair Park Opportunity Fund Program Statement; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2024, the Economic Development Committee was briefed by memorandum on this matter; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312, the City Council must hold a public hearing to provide a reasonable opportunity for any interested person to speak for or against the adoption of the amended Economic Development Incentive Policy for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2024, City Council authorized a public hearing to be held no earlier than 9:00 am on January 8, 2025, at which time any interested person may appear and speak for or against the adoption of the Economic Development Incentive Policy for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, by Resolution No. 24-1811.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Economic Development Incentive Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, with an effective date of January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2026, as the guiding policy on the ongoing management of economic development incentives, including guidelines and criteria governing tax abatements, in accordance with Federal and State law and the City Charter.

SECTION 2. That the City Council hereby adopts the South Dallas/Fair Park Opportunity Fund Program Statement attached hereto as **Exhibit C** with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. That the City Council hereby adopts the Southern Dallas Investment Fund Program Statement attached hereto as **Exhibit D** with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

SECTION 4. That the City Manager is authorized to make additions, alterations, or deletions to implement administrative changes to the Incentive Policy, the South Dallas/Fair Park Opportunity Fund Program Statement, or the Southern Dallas Investment Fund Program Statement, which are limited to grammatical changes, formatting changes, adjustments to reflect department or office name changes, City staff changes, or program names changes, or adjustments that bring program terms into

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compliance with state or federal regulations or formal state or federal agency guidance. Any other additions, alterations, or deletions must be approved by City Council.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.