

SAMPLE FORM OF EXPANSION RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL JURISDICTION'S GOVERNING BODY

A RESOLUTION concerning

Neighborhood Business Development Program

FOR the purpose of expanding the existing designated neighborhood of _____ [geographical description of neighborhood] for participation of additional citizens, property owners and businesses in the Neighborhood Business Development Program ("NBDP") of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland ("DHCD").

WHEREAS, The County/City/Town of _____ (the "Jurisdiction"), by resolution of this body dated _____, has previously declared a portion or portions of the Jurisdiction as a "designated neighborhood" under the Neighborhood Business Development Program of the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of DHCD concurred with the Jurisdiction's previous designation on _____.

WHEREAS, the Jurisdiction has determined to designate additional area(s) as a "designated neighborhood" to allow additional projects to be funded by NBDP or other State programs.

WHEREAS, the Jurisdiction has studied the additional area(s), and the following factors have been satisfactorily considered as required by the law establishing NBDP:

- (a) Availability, cost and condition of business facilities;
- (b) Age and number of abandoned structures;
- (c) Age and number of substandard structures;
- (d) Income of residents relative to state or regional median incomes, including the number of persons who are welfare recipients or unemployed;
- (e) Extent of unemployment and availability in the area of jobs for residents of the designated neighborhood;
- (f) Need for financing small businesses in order to upgrade the social and economic conditions of the designated neighborhood;
- (g) Neighborhood development or redevelopment strategy of the local jurisdiction for the designated neighborhood;
- (h) Plans and financial commitment of the local jurisdiction to undertake improvements in the designated neighborhood;
- (i) Standards established for other relevant state or federal programs;

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- (j) Local government participation in revitalization activities including whether the local jurisdiction has been designated as an empowerment zone;
- (k) The presence of a special taxing district or historic district;
- (l) Support from community or business organizations; and
- (m) Other revitalization projects undertaken in the designated neighborhood.

WHEREAS, information, if available, as to each of these factors supporting this additional determination is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jurisdiction hereby expands the existing designated neighborhood to include the additional area(s) identified as “New Designated Area(s)” on the map attached to this Resolution as Exhibit B, for participation in NBDP. The “New Designated Area(s)”, and the “Previous Designated Area(s)”, as shown on the map (the attached Exhibit B) shall, after due concurrence by the Secretary of DHCD, comprise all “Designated Neighborhoods” of the Jurisdiction for purposes of participation in NBDP and/or any other applicable programs.

APPROVED by the _____ (governing body)
on _____, 20__.

(Governing Body)

By:

Attest:
