

****On March 10, 2026, City Council took unanimous action to deny this resolution.****

RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC PLAN, FUNDED BY BASTROP COUNTY, TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY, STRUCTURE, AND POTENTIAL DUTIES OF A REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF ELGIN AND THE CITY OF SMITHVILLE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop is committed to the development and stimulation of business as part of an overall effort to increase job availability and improve the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to promoting economic vitality, encouraging job creation and preservation, attracting and recruiting new companies and industries, and supporting the retention and expansion of existing businesses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 52(a) of the Texas Constitution, the development and diversification of the economy, elimination of unemployment or underemployment, and the development or expansion of business and commerce constitute recognized public purposes; and

WHEREAS, regional collaboration among local governments and stakeholders is essential to effectively evaluate economic development opportunities and coordinate strategies that benefit residents and businesses across Bastrop County; and

WHEREAS, Bastrop County has proposed funding the preparation of a comprehensive strategic plan to analyze the feasibility, governance structure, funding mechanisms, scope of services, and potential responsibilities of a regional economic development corporation serving Bastrop County and participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that participation in the strategic planning process will allow the City to contribute input, assess potential benefits and impacts, and make informed future decisions regarding regional economic development initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby expresses its support for the development of a county-funded strategic plan to evaluate the feasibility, structure, and duties of a regional economic development corporation serving Bastrop County and participating municipalities.

Section 2. The City authorizes the City Manager, Mayor, or their designee to participate in meetings, discussions, and planning activities related to the preparation of the strategic

plan and to collaborate with Bastrop County and partner cities during the evaluation process.

Section 3. The City Council’s support of the strategic planning effort does not obligate the City to participate in or fund any future regional organization. Any such participation would require separate City Council consideration and approval.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop this the 24th day of February 2026

APPROVED:

by: _____
Ishmael Harris, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Muscarello, TRMC, CMC, CPM
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney
Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C.

