## RESOLUTION NO. R-24-08

## TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA TOWN COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE GEROGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL REQUESTING FUNDS FROM THE CLARK-FLOYD COUNTIES CONVENTION & TOURISM BURAEU TO PAY COSTS OF A PROJECT DESIGNED TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA

## (Georgetown Park Pickleball Courts)

WHEREAS, the Town of Georgetown, Indiana (the "Town") wishes to encourage and promote tourism and economic growth and development in all areas of the Town, including the area of the Town designed as Georgetown Park and to undertake the project described in Exhibit A attached hereto in order to further development of such area (the "Project") and,

WHEREAS, the Town, acting by and through its Town Council, has previously adopted plans to undertake and accomplish the Project and has submitted an application to the Clark-Floyd Counties Convention & Tourism Bureau (the "Tourism Bureau") in connection with the funding of the Project; and

WHEREAS, under Indiana Code § 6-9-3-5(b) and other laws related or supplemental thereto, the Tourism Bureau is authorized to use money in its Capital Development Tourism Fund only for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest due on bonds issued by Clark County, Floyd County, or a political subdivision located in either of such counties, in order to finance a project to promote tourism or to refund bonds previously issued for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to work cooperatively with the Tourism Bureau and any other political subdivision located in Clark County or Floyd County, if applicable, regarding the issuance of bonds or other forms of indebtedness (the "Bonds"), if any, payable from the Capital Development Tourism Fund, pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-9-3, as amended, and any other laws related or supplemental thereto, and using a portion of the proceeds of such Bonds to pay the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of cooperation and acknowledgment of the contribution of the Tourism Bureau for the Project, the Town hereby agrees and determines that the facilities comprising the Project should be made available to the Tourism Bureau at the times that do not conflict with scheduled events.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Request for Funds. The Town Council hereby requests funding from the Tourism Bureau in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$221,760.00) to be applied to the costs of the Project, together with a portion of the costs of issuance of the Bonds allocable to such project. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, to the extent the Town needs to issue Bonds in connection with the Project, such issuance shall be

subject to further approvals by the Town Council and the Town adhering to any and all notice, hearing, and other requirements in compliance with Indiana Law.

- **SECTION 2.** Findings and Determinations. The Town Council hereby finds and determines that: (a) the Project promotes tourism; (b) the Project is located within the corporate boundaries of the Town; and (c) the financing of the Project through the issuance of Bonds (if necessary and approved) will be of benefit to the health and general welfare of the Town.
- SECTION 3. <u>Authority</u>. The President of the Town Council, Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Town Engineer, as directed by the Town Council, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions and to execute and deliver any contract, agreement, certificate, instrument, or other documents as are necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, in such forms as the officers executing the same shall deem proper, such desirability to be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof. All prior actions taken by the President of the Town Council, Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Town Engineer and any other officer of the Town, in connection with or in furtherance of the Project, including but not limited to submitting an application to the Tourism Bureau in furtherance thereof, are hereby approved, ratified, and affirmed in all respects.
- **SECTION 4.** Severability. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- **SECTION 5.** <u>Interpretation.</u> Unless the context or law clearly requires otherwise, references herein to statutes or other laws include the same as modified, supplemented, or superseded from time to time.
- **SECTION 6.** Effectiveness. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

SO RESOLVED THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

Chris Loop

Council President

Brandon Hopf

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Council Member

Jason Parrish

Council Member

Attested by: Julia Klieber Georgetown Clerk-Treasurer

Exhibit A

**Description of Project** 

The project of Georgetown Park Pickleball Courts will continue to add assets at Georgetown Park that will bring both residents and visitors to the park. The Town will be adding 4 pickleball courts with seating, fencing, and netting. These pickleball courts will be used by residents of Georgetown and the surrounding area, pickleball league and tournament participants, and potential new players as pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the world. The project would also include two sidewalks that would connect Georgetown Park to our Downtown – this part of the project will be completed by the Town and is not requested in the Grant Funding. These sidewalks play a huge role in connectivity and will allow for safe connection between the park, the town, and new downtown businesses. Currently, New Albany has the closest public pickleball courts which are always highly used and busy. As Georgetown is one of the fastest growing areas in the region, the need for pickleball courts on the western side of the county is high. Maintenance of the courts after completion would be completed by the Town of Georgetown by using Town dollars and any revenue made from league and tournament fees. Once funded, the anticipated completion date would be Fall 2025 for the Pickleball Courts and Fall 2026 for the connecting sidewalks (one completed 2025 and one completed 2026).