



**MRA DESIGNATION APPROVAL RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION NO.2015-40**

**METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA DESIGNATION:  
MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO THE METROPOLITAN  
REDEVELOPMENT CODE, AND DESIGNATING THE CITY RATON  
DOWNTOWN METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 3-60A-8 NMSA 1978 of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Code (Sections 3-60A-1 through 3-60A-48 NMSA 1978) states: "A municipality shall not prepare a metropolitan redevelopment plan for an area unless the governing body by resolution determine the area to be a blighted area and designated the area as appropriate for a metropolitan redevelopment project.", and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Raton ("City") and Raton MainStreet, and New Mexico MainStreet and their employees, have for some time engaged in a study of blighted areas within the MainStreet District, and have submitted their findings and recommendations concerning the area detailed in the Designation Report which was included in packets for the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 City Commission meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 30-60A-8 NMSA 1978 of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Code, the City Commission caused to be published in the Huerfano World Journal and Trinidad Chronicle News, newspapers of general circulation, a notice containing a general description of the proposed Downtown Metropolitan Redevelopment Area and the date, time and place where the City Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the boundaries of the City of Raton Downtown Metropolitan Redevelopment Area are explicitly delineated on Exhibit B; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has considered the findings and determinations of the Designation Report and all comments made at the public hearing concerning the conditions that exist in the proposed Metropolitan Redevelopment Area.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY that:**

1. The City Commission finds and determines that in downtown City of Raton there are many deteriorated structures, sites and other declining improvements, unsafe conditions, long term consequences of obsolete and impractical planning and platting, and low levels of commercial activity that substantially impair and arrest the sound growth and economic well being of the area and the City.

2. The City Commission finds and determines that this blighted area would benefit from a metropolitan redevelopment project or projects, that the designation of a metropolitan redevelopment area is appropriate in the interests of public health, safety, and welfare, and it hereby designates a Downtown Metropolitan Redevelopment Area.
3. The City Commission designates the boundaries of the Downtown Metropolitan Redevelopment Area to be as delineated on Exhibit B.
4. If any section paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The City Commission hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section, paragraph, sentence, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

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Sandra Mantz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tricia Garcia,  
City Clerk

Exhibit A: MRA Designation Report  
Exhibit B: MRA Boundary