

AN ORDINANCE **98600**

RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS PETROLEUM ASSESSMENT GRANT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$200,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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**WHEREAS**, under new legislation approved by Congress in 2002, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now making Brownfields funds available to explore sites where petroleum-based products are the suspected contaminant; and

**WHEREAS**, the new legislation has broadened the Brownsfield definition to include "real property, the expansion, redevelopment or reuse which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant;" and

**WHEREAS**, prior to submitting an application to the EPA, City staff solicited public comments at a public meeting held on November 17, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2003 the City's Neighborhood Action Department submitted a proposal to the EPA for a Brownfield Petroleum Assessment Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal was submitted for the purpose of obtaining environmental site assessments to encourage the redevelopment of abandoned, vacant, or underutilized gasoline filling stations in targeted, inner-city business districts designated as revitalization projects in connection with the City's Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now necessary to ratify City staff's submission of an application to the EPA for a Brownfields Petroleum Assessment Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** City staff's submission of an application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Petroleum Assessment Grant in an amount of \$200,000.00 for the purpose of obtaining environmental site assessments in connection with the City's Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Program is hereby ratified.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager, her designee or the Director of Neighborhood Action's execution of any and all documents in connection with the application for said grant is hereby ratified.

**SECTION 3.** Funding will be accomplished in a subsequent ordinance, when funds are approved.

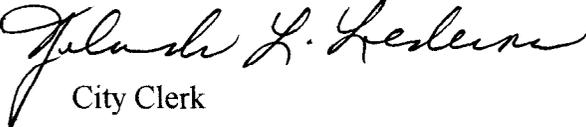
**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

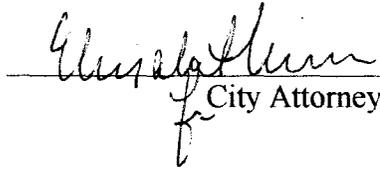
PASSED AND APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.



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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST   
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:   
City Attorney