

CITY OF ROSWELL

RESOLUTION NO. 00-19A

AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE FOR THE ROSWELL INDUSTRIAL AIR CENTER

WHEREAS: NovaBus Corporation, a manufacturer of buses for use worldwide, and AAR Corporation, a supplier of products and services to the worldwide aviation industry, are located at the Roswell Industrial Air Center; and

WHEREAS: The operations of Nova Bus Corporation and AAR Corporation are such that they would be more competitive in the global marketplace if they were located in a foreign trade zone; and

WHEREAS: Representatives of NovaBus Corporation and AAR Corporation have expressed an interest in having the opportunity to operate in a foreign trade zone; and

WHEREAS: Interest has been expressed by other companies in locating industrial and other similar operations at the Roswell Industrial Air Center; and

WHEREAS: Representatives of companies expressing interest in locating at the Roswell Industrial Air Center have indicated that foreign trade zone status would be beneficial to their respective operations; and

WHEREAS: The location of such companies and operations in the City of Roswell would increase the number of jobs and economic opportunities for the citizens of the City of Roswell, the County of Chaves, and the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS: The City of Roswell is prepared to apply for and accept a grant of authority to establish, operate, and maintain a foreign trade zone; and

WHEREAS: It is important to move swiftly to seek the economic benefit and opportunity provided by foreign trade zone status in light of the pressing needs of present users at the Roswell Industrial Air Center; and

WHEREAS: The City of Roswell is prepared to take all necessary steps to obtain foreign trade zone status for the Roswell Industrial Air Center; and

WHEREAS: User-fee airport status for the Roswell Industrial Air Center would allow operation of a port of entry at the Roswell Industrial Center which would, in turn, provide the opportunity for the City of Roswell to apply for and obtain general foreign trade zone status for the Roswell Industrial Air Center.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL:

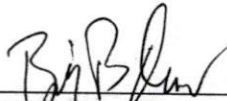
That the City of Roswell, New Mexico, will take all necessary steps at its sole discretion to seek and achieve foreign trade zone status for the Roswell Industrial Center subject to budgetary constraints; and

That the City of Roswell, New Mexico, will simultaneously seek user-fee airport status for the Roswell Industrial Air Center so that the City of Roswell may obtain a direct grant of authority to establish, operate, and maintain a general purpose foreign trade zone at the Roswell Industrial Air Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Chaves County Economic Development Foundation is authorized to continue the application process for user-fee airport status for the Roswell Industrial Air Center in order to enable the city of Roswell, New Mexico, to apply for and accept a direct grant of authority to establish, operate, and maintain a general purpose foreign trade zone at the Roswell Industrial Air Center.

APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF APRIL, 2000.

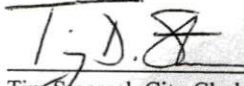


Bill B. Owen, Mayor

APRIL 26, 2000

Date

ATTEST:



Tim Stoessel, City Clerk

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