RESOLUTION NO. 19740

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 14923 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ESTABLISHING A NEW RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRESERVES PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA LAND CONSERVATION ACT OF 1965 (THE WILLIAMSON ACT)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Riverside, ("City") and its Department of Planning desires to adopt rules for the establishment and administration of agricultural preserves pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (the Williamson Act) and which are implemented by proper utilization of the established Agricultural Preserve Technical Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, as follows:

Section 1 : All agricultural preserves shall be established and administered pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (The Williamson Act), Chapter 7 of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5 of the California Government Code commencing with Section 51200, as now enacted or hereafter amended and pursuant to the following rules which shall apply to all agricultural preserves now or hereafter established.

Section 2 : Any land owner, land owner's representative or the City Council may make application to establish, disestablish, enlarge or diminish an agricultural preserve.

Section 3 : Application to establish , disestablish, enlarge or diminish an agricultural preserve shall be made on forms designated for such purpose by the Planning Director and shall be submitted to the Planning Department.

Section 4 : The fee for each agricultural preserve application shall be established by resolution of the City Council.

Section 5 : There shall be an Agricultural Preserve Technical Advisory Committee which shall be comprised of the Planning Director, or his or her designee and those persons appointed by the City Council to serve as members of the City of Riverside's Land Use Committee.

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The function of the Agricultural Preserve Technical Advisory Committee is to review each agricultural preserve application and to prepare a report regarding the application for the City Council.

Section 6 : After submission of a complete agricultural preserve application to the Planning Department, the application shall be referred to the Technical Advisory Committee for review and report followed by a public hearing before the City Council. When an environmental assessment is required by the California Environmental Quality Act, the application shall also be referred to the Planning Commission. Notice of the public hearing shall be provided as required by the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (the Williamson Act) and the public hearing shall be scheduled within 60 days after submittal of a complete application.

Section 7 : The Planning Director shall prepare a report for consideration by the City Council at the public hearing. The report shall include the report of the Agricultural Preserve Technical Advisory Committee and the report of the Planning Commission when required.

Section 8 : After the public hearing, the City Council may by resolution establish, disestablish, enlarge or diminish an agricultural preserve.

Section 9 : All uses permitted in the Residential Agricultural Zone are hereby determined to be agricultural and/or compatible uses within an agricultural preserve.

Section 10 : An agricultural preserve shall consist of no less than 100 acres, provided, however, that the City Council may establish agricultural preserves of less than 100 acres if it finds that smaller preserves are necessary due to the unique characteristics of the agricultural enterprises in the area and that the establishment of preserves of less than 100 acres is consistent with the General Plan.

Section 11 : Land which located within an agricultural preserve and which meets the requirements of the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (the Williamson Act) is eligible to be the subject of a Land Conservation Contract between the landowner and the City of Riverside. Application to enter into a contract with the City shall be made on forms designated for such purpose by the Planning Director and shall be submitted to the Planning Department. The fee for a

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Land Conservation Contract application shall be established by resolution of the City Council.

Section 12 : Resolution No. 14923 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed as of the date of the adoption of this resolution.

Section 13 : The provisions of this resolution shall be operative on the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council and signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk this 8th day of August, 2000.

Mayor of the City of Riverside

Attest:

City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at its meeting held on the 8th day of August, 2000, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilmembers Beaty, Moore, Kane, Adkison and Pearson.

Noes: None.

Absent: Councilmembers Defenbaugh and Thompson.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this 8th day of August, 2000.

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