



**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION NO.   2   OF 2025**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOCATION OF A REGIONAL WHOLESALE PRODUCE OPERATION AND FRESH FOODS RETAIL STORE IN THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”) is to actively pursue, support, facilitate and welcome initiatives that aid and encourage private development, and promote and coordinate public development within the Downtown Development District (“DDD”) of Shreveport, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the DDA is assisting a developer in efforts to locate a full scale, regional wholesale produce operation that is combined with a fresh foods retail store with rooftop and interior programmable spaces, all situated on the southern shore of Cross Bayou in one of downtown Shreveport’s long-abandoned historic buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the development would significantly benefit the DDA in pursuit of its core mission of preserving and seeking private investment in downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, such a development would provide value not only to current downtown stakeholders but also to those planning or considering future investments in downtown;

**WHEREAS**, such a development would strengthen the many reasons existing downtown businesses should remain and also become a significant motivation for others to come and join the unique and evolving ecosystem of the region’s core; and

**WHEREAS**, the development would be constructed on three parcels of underutilized land, two of which are now owned by the City of Shreveport and the third by CPKC Railroad, which is a 2023 merger of Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern Railroads; and

**WHEREAS**, the developer is prepared to proceed with the proposed development with an anticipated budget of \$10,000,000.00 and the City of Shreveport is prepared to negotiate to make its two parcels available for use; and

**WHEREAS**, such a development would make downtown Shreveport the site of the largest foods, fruits, and vegetables operation within the ArkLaTex region; and

**WHEREAS**, the only factor preventing this effort from advancing is the ability to make use of the parcel that is owned by CPKC Railroad; and

**WHEREAS**, more than three decades ago, as proof of its lack of necessity for rail operations, the same parcel of land was offered as a donation to the City of Shreveport by CPKC's predecessor, KCS Railroad;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** in regular session that the Board of Directors of Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously to support location of a regional wholesale produce operation and fresh foods retail store on the southern shore of Cross Bayou and humbly requests that CPKC Railroad join in helping to bring this paradigm-shifting opportunity to reality by agreeing to negotiate the acquisition of the needed parcel with the development team.

**THUS, DONE AND PASSED** this 25th day of June, 2025.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Corbin, Chair