

RESOLUTION NO. 9745

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA DESIGNATING THE CITY TO BE A RECOVERY ZONE FOR PURPOSES OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009.

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Stimulus Act") authorizes the issuance of "recovery zone economic development bonds" or "recovery zone facility bonds;" and

WHEREAS, in order to issue recovery zone economic development or facility bonds, an issuer must first designate one or more "recovery zones," being areas which manifest significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures, general distress or meet other criteria specified in the Stimulus Act; and

WHEREAS, City of Mesa, Arizona (the "City") has experienced significant poverty, a high rate of unemployment, a high rate of foreclosures and other general economic distress (the "Recovery Zone Conditions"), and such Recovery Zone Conditions impair the sound growth and the tax base of the City and threaten the well-being of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the existence of Recovery Zone Conditions in the City and the qualification of the City as a recovery zone are evidenced by, among other things, the following factors: (a) the unemployment rate in the City was 8.0% for March 2010, as compared to 3.7% for March 2008, (b) the City experienced a 78% increase in the foreclosure rate from 2008 to 2009, (c) 2007-08 U.S. Census data shows that 7.6% of people in the City are in poverty compared to 3.6% in 2006, and (d) the City has experienced a 20% decrease in City sales tax collection from fiscal year 2005/6 to fiscal year 2009/10; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the well-being of the City and its citizens, it is necessary that the Recovery Zone Conditions be addressed by financing eligible costs for "qualified economic development purposes" or "certain recovery zone property" within the City; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the best interests of the citizens of the City to designate the City as a recovery zone for purposes of and as provided in the Stimulus Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Mesa, Arizona that:

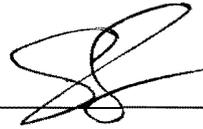
Section 1. Existence of Recovery Zone Conditions in City. There exist conditions including significant poverty, a high rate of unemployment, a high rate of foreclosures and other general economic distress which cause the City as a whole to be subject to designation as a recovery zone under the Stimulus Act.

Section 2. Designation of Recovery Zone. All of the territory located within the boundaries of the City is hereby designated as a recovery zone for all the purposes as provided in the Stimulus Act.

Section 3. General Authorization. The City council hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager, or his designee to take all actions necessary and convenient in the connection with the designation of the City as a recovery zone and for the issuance of recovery zone economic development bonds or facility bonds by the City or by other eligible issuers approved by the City. In addition, the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the City Manager, or his designated representative, thereon as needed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council for the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 8th day of July, 2010.

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

