

RESOLUTION # 5 2011

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING A SPECIFIC AREA AND CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZING ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS SAID CONDITIONS IN DOWNTOWN BATESVILLE

WHEREAS, the City of Batesville desires to eliminate blighted areas within the corporate limits of Batesville, Indiana, and specifically downtown Batesville, and

WHEREAS, identifying such areas is necessary for effective action to eliminate blighting conditions, and

WHEREAS, public improvements such as sidewalks and streets have severely deteriorated, contributing to blighting conditions, and

WHEREAS, the downtown area has experienced a cessation of private investment since 2005, and

WHEREAS, approximately fourteen percent (14%) of first floor commercial space, thirteen percent (13%) of second floor commercial space, and twenty four percent (24%) of total commercial space in downtown Batesville is currently vacant, and

WHEREAS, the City of Batesville further recognizes that it is necessary for effective action and in the best interest of the city to eliminate wide spread deterioration of downtown facades and streetscape, including sidewalks and curbing in order to prevent further deterioration and a greater blighting influence from developing: and,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Batesville that the following areas of downtown Batesville hereby be designated as an area in need of redevelopment as defined by Indiana Code 36-7-14:

Specifically identified and defined by the following boundaries in downtown Batesville:

North side of Boehringer Street to the north beginning and one-half block west of Vine Street and including one half block north between Elm Street and Walnut Street and one full block north to Hillenbrand Avenue between Walnut Street and Main Street continuing south one-half block on Main Street moving eastward at the half block between Hillenbrand Avenue and Boehringer Street to the alleyway continuing to Park Avenue (including the structures facing Boehringer within this block); continuing south on Park Avenue to Boehringer Street; continuing east along Boehringer to Eastern Avenue; continuing south on Eastern Avenue one-half block, continuing east then south one-half block to include the southwest quadrant facing Eastern Avenue and Pearl Street, continuing south along Eastern Avenue to South Street; continuing west along South Street to Park Avenue; then south to Catherine Street, following Catherine Street to one-half block west of Walnut Street then north one-half block then turning west for one-half block to Elm Street; then west along George Street to Vine Street to include the structures on the west side of Vine Street, returning to the beginning point at the north side of Boehringer Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City of Batesville that the Mayor is authorized to conduct surveys of public and private property within said area and to see and/or utilize federal, state or private funding to support such plans or programs.

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Batesville, this 11th day of April, 2011.

Richard Fledderman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald C. Weigel, Clerk-Treasurer