

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA TO
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL INDIANA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY ("CIRDA") PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE § 36-7.7 *et. seq.***

WHEREAS, on or around March 18, 2020, Governor Holcomb signed Public Law 83-2020 (SEA 350) (the "Act"), which allows eligible political subdivisions located in the Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson Metropolitan Statistical Area to create the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (the "Development Authority") and to carry out its powers as more particularly described in the Act;

WHEREAS, the Development Authority is a separate body corporate and politic that shall carry out the purposes of the Act by (i) acquiring, constructing, equipping, owning, and financing projects and facilities to or for the benefit of members of the Development Authority; and (ii) funding and developing: (A) airport authority projects; (B) commuter transportation district and other rail projects and services; (C) regional transportation authority projects and services; (D) economic development projects; (E) intermodal transportation projects; (F) regional trail or greenway projects; (G) regional transportation infrastructure projects under IC § 36-9-43; and (H) any other capital infrastructure project that enhances the region with the goal of attracting people or business; that are of regional importance;

WHEREAS, the Development Authority has the power to, among other items, (i) finance, improve, construct, reconstruct, renovate, purchase, acquire, and equip land and projects that are of regional importance; (ii) finance and construct additional improvements to projects or other capital improvements owned by the development authority; (iii) construct or reconstruct highways, roads, and bridges; (iv) acquire land or all or a part of one (1) or more projects from an eligible political subdivision by purchase; (v) provide funding for intermodal transportation projects and facilities; (vi) provide funding for regional trails and greenways; (vii) provide funding for economic development projects; (viii) provide funding for regional transportation infrastructure projects under IC § 36-9-43; and all other powers as prescribed by the Act;

WHEREAS, the Development Authority may be established by (1) one or more counties and one or more adjacent counties, (ii) one or more counties and one or more municipalities in adjacent counties, or (iii) one or more municipalities and one or more municipalities in adjacent counties;

WHEREAS, pursuant to IC § 36-7.7-3-9, a municipality may join a development authority established under IC § 36-7.7-1-*et. seq.* if the fiscal body of the municipality adopts an ordinance authorizing the municipality to become a member of the development authority, and adopts a substantially similar resolution to adopt the preliminary development plan of the development authority;

WHEREAS, the Town of Whitestown, Indiana ("Town") is located within Boone County, Indiana, which is adjacent to Hamilton County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, because Hamilton County, Indiana is a member of the Development Authority, pursuant to IC § 36-7.7-3-9(b)(2)(B), the Town is eligible to join the Development Authority;

WHEREAS, the Town Council ("Council") for the Town now desires to authorize the Town to become a member of the Development Authority, pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-7.7-3-9; and

WHEREAS, the Development Authority shall be governed by a strategy committee whose composition and structure will be established by a preliminary development plan (the "Plan"), which in accordance with the Act, is to be adopted by separate resolution of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council for the Town of Whitestown, Boone County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. The Council hereby authorizes the Town to become a member of the Development Authority pursuant to the Act. The Town shall be a member of the development authority for not less than five (5) years.

Section 2. The Council shall adopt the Plan by separate resolution, which said resolution shall be substantially similar to the resolutions of other participating members of the Development Authority.

Section 3. The Town shall notify the Indiana Economic Development Commission of its membership in the Development Authority.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be of full force and effect from and upon its adoption and in accordance with Indiana law.

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana, this ____ day of _____, 2024, by a vote of ____ in favor and ____ against.

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA

Dan Patterson, President

Tanya Sumner, Vice President

Cheryl Hancock

Tobe Thomas

Eric Nichols

ATTEST:

Matt Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer