

## **RESOLUTION NO. 26-011**

### **RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO ISSUE MULTIFAMILY REVENUE BONDS OR NOTES WITH RESPECT TO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF ONE OR MORE APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOCATION OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS WITH THE TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTION RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (the "Department") has been duly created and organized pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2306, Texas Government Code, as amended, (the "Act") for the purpose, among others, of providing a means of financing the costs of residential ownership, developments and rehabilitation that will provide decent, safe, and affordable living environments for persons and families of low, very low and extremely low income and families of moderate income (all as defined in the Act); and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Department: (a) to make mortgage loans to housing sponsors to provide financing for multifamily residential rental housing in the State of Texas (the "State") intended to be occupied by persons and families of low, very low and extremely low income and families of moderate income, as determined by the Department; (b) to issue its revenue bonds or notes for the purpose, among others, of obtaining funds to make such loans and provide financing, to establish necessary reserve funds and to pay administrative and other costs incurred in connection with the issuance of such bonds or notes; and (c) to pledge all or any part of the revenues, receipts or resources of the Department, including the revenues and receipts to be received by the Department from such multifamily residential rental development loans, and to mortgage, pledge or grant security interests in such loans or other property of the Department in order to secure the payment of the principal or redemption price of and interest on such bonds or notes; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the Department issue its revenue bonds or notes in one or more series for the purpose of providing financing for the one or more multifamily residential rental developments (each herein referred to as the "Development") more fully described in Exhibit A attached hereto. The ownership of the Development as more fully described in Exhibit A will consist of the applicable ownership entity and its principal or a related person (each herein referred to as the "Owner") within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Owner has made not more than 60 days prior to the date hereof, payments with respect to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction or renovation of the Development and expect to make additional payments in the future and desire that it be reimbursed for such payments and other costs associated with the Development from the proceeds of tax-exempt and taxable, as applicable, obligations to be issued by the Department subsequent to the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Owner has indicated its willingness to enter into contractual arrangements with the Department providing assurance satisfactory to the Department that the requirements of the Act and the Department will be satisfied and that the Development will satisfy State law, Section 142(d) and other applicable Sections of the Code and Treasury Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to reimburse the Owner for some or all of the costs associated with the Development listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, but solely from and to the extent, if any, of the proceeds of tax-exempt and taxable, as applicable, obligations to be issued in one or more series to be issued subsequent to the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Owner, the Department reasonably expects to incur debt in the form of tax-exempt and taxable, as applicable, obligations for purposes of paying the costs of the Development described on Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the proposed issuance of the Bonds (defined below), the Department, as issuer of the Bonds, is required to submit for the Development one or more Applications for Allocation of Private Activity Bonds or Applications for Carryforward for Private Activity Bonds (each herein referred to as the "Application") with the Texas Bond Review Board (the "Bond Review Board") with respect to the tax-exempt Bonds to qualify for the Bond Review Board's Allocation Program in connection with the Bond Review Board's authority to administer the allocation of the authority of the State to issue private activity bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Department (the "Board") has determined to declare its intent to issue its multifamily revenue bonds or notes for the purpose of providing funds to the Owner to provide financing for the Development on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS THAT:

## ARTICLE 1

### OFFICIAL INTENT; APPROVAL OF CERTAIN ACTIONS

Section 1.1. Authorization of Issue. The Department declares its intent to issue its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds or Notes with respect to a Development (the "Bonds") in one or more series and in amounts estimated to be sufficient to (a) fund a loan or loans to the Owner to provide financing for the Development in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount corresponding to the Development set forth in Exhibit A; (b) fund a reserve fund with respect to the Bonds, if needed; and (c) pay certain costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Such Bonds will be issued as qualified residential rental project bonds. Final approval of the Department to issue the Bonds shall be subject to: (i) the review by the Department's credit underwriters for financial feasibility; (ii) review by the Department's staff and legal counsel of compliance with federal income tax regulations and State law requirements

regarding tenancy in the Development; (iii) approval by the Bond Review Board, if required; (iv) approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas (the "Attorney General"); (v) satisfaction of the Board that the Development meets the Department's public policy criteria; and (vi) the ability of the Department to issue such Bonds in compliance with all federal and State laws applicable to the issuance of such Bonds.

Section 1.2. Terms of Bonds. The proposed Bonds shall be issuable only as fully registered bonds or notes in authorized denominations to be determined by the Department; shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined by the Department; shall mature at a time to be determined by the Department but in no event later than 40 years after the date of issuance; and shall be subject to prior redemption upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Department.

Section 1.3. Reimbursement. The Department reasonably expects to reimburse the Owner for all or a portion of the costs that have been or will be paid subsequent to the date that is 60 days prior to the date hereof in connection with the acquisition of real property and construction, reconstruction or renovation, as applicable, of its Development and listed on Exhibit A attached hereto ("Costs of the Development") from the proceeds of the Bonds.

Section 1.4. Principal Amount. Based on representations of the Owner, the Department reasonably expects that the maximum aggregate principal amount of debt issued to pay or to reimburse the Owner for the Costs of the Development will not exceed the amount set forth in Exhibit A which corresponds to its Development.

Section 1.5. Limited Obligations. The Owner may commence with the acquisition and construction or rehabilitation of the Development, which Development will be in furtherance of the public purposes of the Department as aforesaid. On or prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Owner will enter into a loan agreement, on terms agreed to by the Owner and the Department, on an installment payment basis with the Department under which the Department will make a loan to the Owner for the purpose of reimbursing the Owner for the Costs of the Development and the Owner will make installment payments sufficient to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on the Bonds. The proposed Bonds shall be special, limited obligations of the Department payable solely by the Department from or in connection with its loan or loans to the Owner to provide financing for its Development, and from such other revenues, receipts and resources of the Department as may be expressly pledged by the Department to secure the payment of the Bonds.

Section 1.6. The Development. Substantially all of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to provide financing for the Development, which are to be occupied entirely by Eligible Tenants, as determined by the Department, and which are to be occupied partially by persons and families of low income such that the requirements of Section 142(d) of the Code are met for the period required by the Code.

Section 1.7. Payment of Bonds. The payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on the Bonds shall be made solely from moneys realized from the loan of the proceeds of the Bonds to the Owner.

Section 1.8. Costs of Development. The Costs of the Development may include any cost of acquiring, constructing, rehabilitating, or reconstructing, as applicable, improving, equipping, installing and expanding the Development. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Costs of the Development shall specifically include the cost of the acquisition of all land, rights-of-way, property rights, easements and interests, the cost of all machinery and equipment, financing charges, inventory, raw materials and other supplies, research and development costs, interest prior to and during construction and for one year after completion of construction whether or not capitalized, necessary reserve funds, the cost of estimates and of engineering and legal services, plans, specifications, surveys, estimates of cost and of revenue, other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility and practicability of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving and expanding the Development, administrative expenses and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement and expansion of the Development, the placing of the Development in operation and that satisfy the Code and the Act. The Owner shall be responsible for and pay any costs of its Development incurred by it prior to issuance of the Bonds and will pay all costs of its Development which are not or cannot be paid or reimbursed from the proceeds of the Bonds.

Section 1.9. No Commitment to Issue Bonds. Neither the Owner nor any other party is entitled to rely on this Resolution as a commitment to issue the Bonds and to loan funds, and the Department reserves the right not to issue the Bonds either with or without cause and with or without notice, and in such event the Department shall not be subject to any liability or damages of any nature. Neither the Owner nor any one claiming by, through or under the Owner shall have any claim against the Department whatsoever as a result of any decision by the Department not to issue the Bonds.

Section 1.10. Conditions Precedent. The issuance of the Bonds following final approval by the Board shall be further subject to, among other things: (a) the applicable conditions described in Section 1.1 hereof; (b) the execution by the Owner and the Department of contractual arrangements, on terms agreed to by the parties, providing assurance satisfactory to the Department that all requirements of the Act will be satisfied and that the Development will satisfy the requirements of Section 142(d) of the Code (except for portions to be financed with taxable bonds or notes); (c) the receipt of an opinion from Bracewell LLP or other nationally recognized bond counsel acceptable to the Department ("Bond Counsel"), substantially to the effect that the interest on any tax-exempt Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under existing law; and (d) receipt of the approval of the Bond Review Board, if required, and the Attorney General.

Section 1.11. Authorization to Proceed. The Board hereby authorizes staff, Bond Counsel and other consultants to proceed with preparation of the Development's necessary

review and legal documentation for the filing of one or more Applications and the issuance of the Bonds, subject to satisfaction of the conditions specified in this Resolution. The Board further authorizes staff, Bond Counsel and other consultants to re-submit an Application that was withdrawn.

Section 1.12. Related Persons. The Department acknowledges that financing of all or any part of the Development may be undertaken by any company or partnership that is a “related person” to the Owner within the meaning of the Code and applicable regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, including any entity controlled by or affiliated with the Owner.

Section 1.13. Declaration of Official Intent. This Resolution constitutes the Department’s official intent for expenditures on Costs of the Development which will be reimbursed out of the issuance of the Bonds within the meaning of Sections 1.142-4(b) and 1.150-2, Title 26, Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, and applicable rulings of the Internal Revenue Service thereunder, to the end that any tax-exempt Bonds issued to reimburse Costs of the Development may qualify for the exemption provisions of Section 142 of the Code, and that the interest on such Bonds will therefore be excludable from the gross incomes of the holders thereof under the provisions of Section 103(a)(1) of the Code.

Section 1.14. Execution and Delivery of Documents. The Authorized Representatives named in this Resolution are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver all Applications, certificates, documents, instruments, letters, notices, written requests and other papers, whether or not mentioned herein, as may be necessary or convenient to carry out or assist in carrying out the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 1.15. Authorized Representatives. The following persons are hereby named as authorized representatives of the Department for purposes of executing, attesting, affixing the Department’s seal to, and delivering the documents and instruments and taking the other actions referred to in this Article 1: the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board, the Executive Director of the Department, the Director of Administration of the Department, the Director of Financial Administration of the Department, the Deputy Executive Director – Housing Finance of the Department, the Director of Multifamily Bonds, and the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary to the Board. Such persons are referred to herein collectively as the “Authorized Representatives.” Any one of the Authorized Representatives is authorized to act individually as set forth in this Resolution.

## ARTICLE 2

### CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS

Section 2.1. Certain Findings Regarding Development and Owner. The Board finds that:

(a) the Development is necessary to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing at rentals that individuals or families of low and very low income and families of moderate income can afford;

- (b) the Owner will supply, in its Development, well-planned and well-designed housing for individuals or families of low and very low income and families of moderate income;
- (c) the Owner is financially responsible;
- (d) the financing of the Development is a public purpose and will provide a public benefit; and
- (e) the Development will be undertaken within the authority granted by the Act to the Department and the Owner.

Section 2.2. No Indebtedness of Certain Entities. The Board hereby finds, determines, recites and declares that the Bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness, liability, general, special or moral obligation or pledge or loan of the faith or credit or taxing power of the State, the Department or any other political subdivision or municipal or political corporation or governmental unit, nor shall the Bonds ever be deemed to be an obligation or agreement of any governing board member, officer, director, agent or employee of the Department in his or her individual capacity, and none of such persons shall be subject to any personal liability by reason of the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will be a special limited obligation of the Department payable solely from amounts pledged for that purpose under the financing documents applicable to such Bonds.

Section 2.3. Certain Findings with Respect to the Bonds. The Board hereby finds, determines, recites and declares that the issuance of the Bonds to provide financing for the Development will promote the public purposes set forth in the Act, including, without limitation, assisting persons and families of low and very low income and families of moderate income to obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing at rentals they can afford.

## ARTICLE 3

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 3.1. Books and Records. The Board hereby directs this Resolution to be made a part of the Department's books and records that are available for inspection by the general public.

Section 3.2. Notice of Meeting. This Resolution was considered and adopted at a meeting of the Board that was noticed, convened, and conducted in full compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, and with §2306.032 of the Texas Government Code, regarding meetings of the Board.

Section 3.3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of February, 2026.

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**Description of the Owner and the Development**

Project Name	Owner	Principals	Amount Not to Exceed
Mela Ranch	Mela Ranch LIH, LP, a to-be-formed Texas limited partnership	General Partner: THF Mela Ranch GP, LLC a to-be-formed Texas limited liability company	\$31,000,000
Costs – Acquisition/construction/equipping of an approximately 280 unit affordable, multifamily housing development to be known as Mela Ranch, located at approximately 427 North Hyde Park Boulevard, Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas 76033			