

RESOLUTION NO. 13-20

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE BOUNDARY AND ADD THE CITY OF VERNONIA AS A COSPONSOR OF THE SOUTH COLUMBIA COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE

WHEREAS, in 2007, the City of St. Helens, City of Columbia City, Port of St. Helens and Columbia County (co-sponsors) successfully applied for an enterprise zone, which was designated as the St. Helens/Columbia City Enterprise Zone by the Director of Business Oregon (Oregon Business Development Department) on October, 18, 2007, and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Director of Business Oregon approved a request from the co-sponsors to include the City of Scappoose as a co-sponsor and rename the enterprise zone as the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone (Zone), and

WHEREAS, the Zone provides an opportunity for the region to improve the local economic base, business climate and long-run community development, and

WHEREAS, the City of Vernonia in Columbia County has expressed an interest to be included as an additional co-sponsor of the Zone, and

WHEREAS, the Co-Sponsors agree that the regional economy will benefit from included the City of Vernonia as an additional co-sponsor of the Zone, and

WHEREAS, the designation of an enterprise zone does not grant or imply permission to develop land within the Zone without complying with all prevailing zoning, regulatory and permitting process and restrictions of any and all local jurisdiction, nor does it indicate any public intent to modify those processes or restrictions, unless otherwise in agreement with applicable comprehensive land use plans, and

WHEREAS, this Zone and the three to five year property tax exception that it offers for new investments in plant and equipment by eligible business firms are critical elements of local efforts to increase employment opportunities, to raise local incomes, to attract investments by new and existing businesses and to secure and diversify, and

WHEREAS, the zone sponsors will jointly comply with the requirements and provisions on ORS Chapter 285C, and

WHEREAS, special notification was sent to all affected taxing districts in the Enterprise Zone;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows;

1. That the City of Vernonia shall be added as a co-sponsor to the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone and that the parcels of property designated on the attached maps and descriptions shall be included in the enterprise zone.
2. That qualified hotel and resort businesses are eligible for tax abatement within the existing and expanded enterprise zone.
3. That this Resolution shall be submitted to the Director of Business Oregon for approval and that the Executive Director of the Columbia County Economic Team is authorized to submit the application and provide documents necessary for approval by Business Oregon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of Scappoose and signed by me, and the City Recorder in authentication of its passage this 21st day of January, 2014.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON



Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest:



Susan M. Reeves, MMC, City Recorder