

AN ORDINANCE 2015-04-09-0299

**OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
AMENDING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS
ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS
ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT
CODE, TO EXPAND AVAILABLE LOCAL INCENTIVES.**

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas ("City") desires to create the proper economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in severely distressed areas of the City and to provide employment to residents of such area; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider this Ordinance was held by the City Council on April 9, 2015; **NOW THEREFORE**:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The local incentives described in Exhibit A, at the election of the governing body, are or will be made available to the nominated project or activity of the qualified business.

SECTION 2. The enterprise zone areas within the City are reinvestment zones in accordance with the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312.

SECTION 3. The City of San Antonio City Council reaffirms the designation of its Director of Economic Development as the City's liaison to communicate and negotiate with the Office of the Governor Economic Development & Tourism ("EDT") through the Economic Development Bank and enterprise project(s) and to oversee zone activities and communications with qualified businesses and other entities in an enterprise zone or affected by an enterprise zone.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon the passage by eight affirmative votes, otherwise it is effective after the tenth (10th) day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of April, 2015.



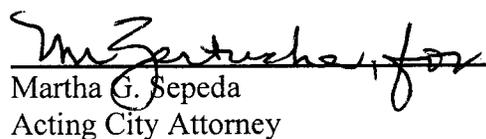
M A Y O R
Ivy R. Taylor

ATTEST:



Esticia M. Vacek
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Martha G. Sepeda
Acting City Attorney

Agenda Item:	30D (in consent vote: 30A, 30B, 30C, 30D, 30E)						
Date:	04/09/2015						
Time:	11:34:30 AM						
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve						
Description:	An Ordinance approving an amendment to the City's State Enterprise Zone Program.						
Result:	Passed						
Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Ivy R. Taylor	Mayor		x				
Roberto C. Trevino	District 1		x				
Alan Warrick	District 2	x					x
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x			x	
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Cris Medina	District 7		x				
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10	x					

EXHIBIT A

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	Name of Incentive	Description of Incentive	Availability
1	Tax Abatement	The City may provide property tax abatement on the increase in value of real property improvements and eligible personal property.	City-Wide
2	Tax Abatement Fees	The City may waive or reduce the tax abatement application fee to qualified businesses.	City-Wide
3	Tax Increment Financing	Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones have been established in San Antonio.	City-Wide
4	Priority and Incentives to Local Economic Development	The City may, in providing services, give priority to local economic development, educational, job training, or transportation programs. This may entail Local Sales Tax Refunds, other tax deferrals, tax refunds or tax incentives through Chapter 380.	City-Wide
5	Freeport Exemption	Freeport Exemptions may be offered with San Antonio.	City-Wide
6	Chapter 380	The City may offer incentives under a Chapter 380 Agreement.	City-Wide
7	Zoning Changes/Variances	The City may provide regulatory relief to businesses, including variances.	City-Wide
8	Building Code Exemptions	The City may provide regulatory relief to businesses, including justifiable exemptions from certain building code requirements.	City-Wide
9	Impact / Inspection Fee Relief	The City may provide financial / regulatory relief to businesses including impact fees or inspection fees.	City-Wide
10	Streamlined Permitting	The City may establish simplified, accelerated or other special permit procedures.	City-Wide
11	Enhanced Fire and/or Police Protection	The City may provide enhanced municipal services to businesses, including police and/or fire protection.	City-Wide
12	Community Crime Prevention Programs	The City may provide enhanced municipal services to businesses, including institution of community crime prevention programs.	City-Wide
13	Road Repair	The City may provide improvements in community facilities, including road repair.	City-Wide

14	Creation or Improvement of Parks	The City may provide improvements in community facilities, including creation or improvement of city parks.	City-Wide
15	Low-Interest Loans for Housing Rehabilitation or New Construction	The City may provide improvements to housing, including low-interest loans for housing rehabilitation or new construction.	City-Wide
16	Defer compliance with subdivision and development ordinances	The City may defer compliance with subdivision and development ordinances or rules, other than those relating to streets and roads or sewer and water services of the municipality or county, as appropriate.	City-Wide
17	Sale of Real Property for Economic Development	The City may sell real property owned by the municipality or county, as appropriate in accordance with Section 2303.513 of the Act.	City-Wide
18	Priority to Local Business Grant Recipients	The City may give priority or projects for the receipt of: (1) community development block grant money; (2) industrial revenue bonds; (3) funds received under the federal Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. Section 1501, et seq.)	City-Wide
19	Transfer Abandoned Housing to Individuals or Community Groups	The City may provide abandoned housing to individuals or community groups.	City-Wide
20	Low-Interest Loans for Small Business	The City may provide low-interest loans for business.	City-Wide
21	Use of Surplus School Buildings for Incubators	The City may use surplus school buildings for incubators as facilities may be available from an ISD or Community Colleges.	City-Wide
22	Provision of Publicly Owned Land for Development Purposes	The City may provide publicly owned land for development purposes.	City-Wide
23	One-Stop Permitting, Problem Resolution Center	The City may provide business and industrial development services, including creation of one-stop permitting and problem resolution.	City-Wide
24	Promotion and Marketing Services	The City may provide business and industrial development services, including promotion and marketing services.	City-Wide
25	Priority for qualified Businesses	The City may show priority for local incentives to qualified businesses or projects located outside the enterprise zone, but within the City's jurisdiction, if	City-Wide

		at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the business or project new employees will be residents of an enterprise zone or economically disadvantaged individuals.	
26	Job Training and Employment Services	The City may assist with community colleges and the local workforce board for training and employment services.	City-Wide
27	Retraining Program	The City may assist with community colleges and the local workforce board for re-training services.	City-Wide
28	Literacy and Employment Skills Services	The City may assist with community colleges and the local workforce board to provide literacy and employment skills programs.	City-Wide
29	Vocational Education	The City may assist with community colleges and the local workforce board to provide vocational education.	City-Wide
30	Customized Job Training	The City may assist with community colleges and the local workforce board to provide customized job training.	City-Wide
31	Funding of Bonds	The City may create a fund for funding bonds or other programs or activities to promote economic development or revitalization.	City-Wide
32	Reduced Utility Rates	The City may, for qualified businesses, reduce rates charged by a utility owned by municipality or county, as appropriate.	City-Wide
33	Housing Finance Bonds	The City may, in issuing housing finance bonds, give priority to persons or projects to promote economic development or revitalization.	City-Wide
34	Issuance of Tax Exempt Bonds	The City may offer taxable or tax exempt bonds through the creation of non-profit corporations for financing certain types of development through bonds or loans. Bond financing may permit borrowers to finance an entire project, including equipment.	City-Wide
35	Special Public Transportation Routes or Reduced Fares	The City may provide enhanced municipal services to businesses, including special transportation routes or reduced fares.	City-Wide
36	Capital Improvements in Water and Sewer Facilities	The City can provide improvements in community facilities, including capital improvements in water and sewer facilities.	City-Wide