

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, DESIGNATING A CONTIGUOUS GEOGRAPHIC AREA WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 311 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE, TO BE KNOWN AS REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVEN, CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONE; CREATING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ZONE; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FUND FOR THE ZONE; CONTAINING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CREATION OF THE ZONE; PROVIDING A DATE FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE ZONE; PROVIDING THAT THE ZONE TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi, Texas (the "City"), pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended (the "Act"), may designate a geographic area within the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City as a tax increment reinvestment zone if the area satisfies the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that the governing body of a municipality by ordinance may designate a contiguous or noncontiguous geographic area within the corporate limits of the municipality or within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality to be a reinvestment zone if the governing body determines that development or redevelopment would not occur solely through private investment in the reasonably foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi (the "City Council ") desires for the City to consider the creation of a tax increment reinvestment zone with the boundaries described in the metes and bounds attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and more generally depicted in **Exhibit B** attached hereto (the "Zone"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and as required by the Act, the City has prepared a *Preliminary Project and Finance Plan for Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Corpus Christi, Texas*, attached as **Exhibit C** (hereinafter referred to as the "Preliminary Project and Finance Plan") for a proposed tax increment reinvestment zone containing the real property within the Zone; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing on the creation of the proposed zone was published in the official newspaper of the City on or before September 2, 2025, which date is the seventh (7th) day before the public hearing was opened on September 9, 2025, and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2025, the City Council opened and left open a public hearing in accordance with Section 311.003(c) of the Act and interested persons were allowed to speak for or against the creation of the Zone, the boundaries of the Zone, and

the concept of tax increment financing, and owners of property in the proposed Zone were given a reasonable opportunity to protest the inclusion of their property in the Zone; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2025, the City Council continued the public hearing on the creation of the Zone and, after all comments and evidence, both written and oral, were received by the City Council, the public hearing was closed; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held in full accordance with Section 311.003(c) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken all actions required to create the Zone including, but not limited to, all actions required by the home-rule Charter of the City, the Act, the Texas Open Meetings Act (defined herein), and all other laws applicable to the creation of the Zone; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of the property in the proposed zone, excluding property that is publicly owned, that is used for residential purposes is less than thirty percent (30%); and

WHEREAS, the total appraised value of taxable real property in the proposed zone and in existing reinvestment zones within the City does not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total appraised value of the taxable real property in the City and in the industrial districts created by the City, if any; and

WHEREAS, a Preliminary Project and Finance plan has been prepared for the proposed reinvestment zone.

NOW THEREFORE , BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS INCORPORATED.

The facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found and declared to be true and correct and are incorporated and adopted as part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

That the City Council, after conducting the above described hearing and having heard the evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, has made the following findings and determined based on the evidence and testimony presented to it:

- (a) That the public hearing on the creation of the proposed reinvestment zone has been properly called, held and conducted and that notice of such hearing has been published as required by applicable law, including the Act; and
- (b) That creation of the proposed reinvestment zone with boundaries as described and depicted in **Exhibits A** and **B** will result in benefits to the City, its residents and

property owners, in general, and to the property, residents and property owners in the reinvestment zone; and

- (c) That the proposed reinvestment zone, as described and depicted in **Exhibits A and B**, meets the criteria for the creation of a reinvestment zone set forth in the Act in that:
 - 1. It is a geographic area located both within the corporate limits of the City and within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City; and
 - 2. The area is predominately open, undeveloped or underdeveloped, and the lack of necessary public improvements substantially impairs sound growth of the City; and
- (d) That thirty percent (30%) or less of the property in the proposed reinvestment zone, excluding property dedicated to public use, is currently used for residential purposes; and
- (e) That the total appraised value of taxable real property in the proposed reinvestment zone according to the most recent appraisal rolls of the City, together with the total appraised value of taxable real property in all other existing reinvestment zones within the City, according to the most recent appraisal rolls of the City, does not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the current total appraised value of taxable real property in the City and in the industrial districts created by the City, if any; and
- (f) That the improvements in the proposed reinvestment zone will significantly enhance the value of all taxable real property in the proposed reinvestment zone and will be of general benefit to the City; and
- (g) That the development of the Property in the proposed reinvestment zone will not occur solely through private investment in the reasonably foreseeable future; and
- (h) The City Council finds that the Preliminary Project and Finance Plan is feasible.

SECTION 3. DESIGNATION AND NAME OF THE ZONE.

Pursuant to the authority of, and in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the City Council hereby designates the area described and depicted in **Exhibits A and B** hereto as a tax increment reinvestment zone. The name assigned to the zone for identification is **Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Corpus Christi, Texas** (hereinafter referred to as the "Zone"). The Zone shall be informally referred to as "TIRZ #7 London Area."

SECTION 4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The City Council hereby creates a board of directors for the Zone (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"). The Mayor and Council Members may serve as Board members. The board of directors for the Zone may consist of up to 15 members. The Board shall be appointed as follows:

(a) Under Section 311.009(a), Texas Tax Code, the respective governing bodies of each taxing unit other than the City that levies taxes within the Zone each may appoint one member of the Board if the taxing unit has approved the payment of all or part of the tax increment produced by the unit into the tax increment fund for the zone. Each governing body may waive its right to appoint a director and is deemed to have waived the right if it has not made the appointment within 30 days of receiving written notice of its right to appoint.

(b) The remaining members of the Board are appointed by the City Council of the City. The City Council that designated the zone may appoint not more than 10 directors to the board; except that if there are fewer than five directors appointed by taxing units, the City Council may appoint more than 10 members as long as the total membership of the board does not exceed 15.

(c) Terms of Board members are two years. Terms must be staggered, with the first term of 8 City Council appointees being for one year. Officers must be appointed as provided in the Act.

(d) The Board members appointed to the Board shall be eligible to serve on the Board if that person is at least 18 years of age.

(e) The Board shall make recommendations to the City Council concerning the administration, management, and operation of the Zone. The Board shall prepare or cause to be prepared and adopt a project plan and a reinvestment zone financing plan for the Zone (hereinafter referred to as the "Project and Finance Plan") as required by the Act, and shall submit the Project and Finance Plan to the City Council for approval. The Board shall consider amendments to the Project and Finance Plan on its own initiative or upon submission by the City Council, but amendments considered by Board shall not take effect unless and until adopted by City Council.

(f) Directors shall not receive any salary or other compensation for their services as directors.

(g) Each year the City shall appoint one member of the Board to serve as chairman for a term of one year that begins on January 1 of the year.

SECTION 5. DURATION OF THE ZONE.

That the Zone shall take effect immediately upon the passage and approval of this Ordinance, consistent with Section 311.004(a)(3) of the Act, and termination of the Zone shall occur upon any of the following: (i) on December 31, 2050; or (ii) at such time that all project costs and other obligations of the Zone, and the interest thereon, have been paid in full, in accordance with Section 311.017 of the Act.

SECTION 6. TAX INCREMENT BASE AND TAX INCREMENT.

Pursuant to Section 311.012(c) of the Act, the tax increment base of the City is the total taxable value of all real property taxable by the City and located in the Zone for the year in which the Zone was designated as a reinvestment zone (the "Tax Increment Base").

That, consistent with Section 311.012(a) of the Act, the amount of the tax increment for a year is fifty percent **(50.00%)** of real property taxes levied, assessed, and collected by the City (as set forth in an agreement to participate in the Zone) for that year on the Captured Appraised Value (defined below) of real property taxable by City and located in the Zone (the "Tax Increment"). Consistent with Section 311.012(b) of the Act, the Captured Appraised Value of real property taxable by the City for a year is the total appraised value of all real property taxable by the City and located in the Zone for that year less the Tax Increment Base (the "Captured Appraised Value").

City Increment Percentage		Tax Year(s)
50%		2025 through 2050

SECTION 7. TAX INCREMENT FUND.

There is hereby created and established a "Tax Increment Fund" for the Zone that may be divided into subaccounts as authorized by subsequent ordinances, into which the Tax Increment of the City, as such increments are described in the Project and Finance Plan and includes administration costs, less any of the amounts not required to be paid into the Tax Increment Fund pursuant to the Act, are to be deposited. The Tax Increment Fund and any subaccounts shall be maintained at the affiliated depository bank of the City and shall be secured in the manner prescribed by law for funds of Texas cities. In addition, all revenues to be dedicated to and used in the Zone shall be deposited into the Tax Increment Fund from which money will be disbursed to pay project costs, plus interest, for the Zone, however excess funds may be transferred to the City's general fund as determined by the City.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

Should any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. The City hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more provisions, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 9. OPEN MEETINGS.

It is hereby found, determined, and declared that sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting of the City Council at which this Ordinance was adopted was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times to the general public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding its meeting, as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended (the "Texas Open Meetings Act"), and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during

which this Ordinance and the subject matter hereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

SECTION 10. PUBLICATION.

Publication shall be made in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi as required by the City Charter of the City of Corpus Christi.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and publication in accordance with and as provided by law and the City Charter.

Introduced and voted on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary

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