

ORDINANCE

Authorizing the City Of Corpus Christi to participate in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program under the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Chapter 2303, Texas Government Code (The “Act”), providing tax incentives; Designating a liaison for overseeing Enterprise Projects and communicating with interested Parties

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi, Texas (“Corpus Christi”) 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 those areas; and

WHEREAS, with proper notice to the public, a public hearing to consider this ordinance was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, during a meeting of the City Council, in the Council Chambers, at City Hall, in the City of Corpus Christi, during which all interested persons were allowed to appear and be heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that passage of this ordinance would best serve public health, necessity, and convenience and the general welfare of the City of Corpus Christi and its citizens.

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

SECTION 1. The local incentives identified and summarized briefly in the attached **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 site.

SECTION 2. The City designates the City Manager or his designee as the City’s liaison to communicate and negotiate with the EDT through the 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 project.

SECTION 3. This order shall take effect from and after its passage as the law and charter in such case provides.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the 19th day of August, 2014, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Chad Magill	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Colleen McIntyre	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lillian Riojas	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____	Mark Scott	_____
David Loeb	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the 26th day of August, 2014, by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez	_____	Chad Magill	_____
Kelley Allen	_____	Colleen McIntyre	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lillian Riojas	_____
Priscilla Leal	_____	Mark Scott	_____
David Loeb	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 26th day of August, 2014.

ATTEST:

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor

Exhibit "A"
Incentives offered by the City of Corpus Christi

	Name of Incentive	Description of Incentive	Availability
1	Tax abatement	Property tax reduction	As approved by City Council
2	Tax Increment Financing	Financing through the creation of tax increment reinvestment zones	Citywide improvement projects
3	Freeport Exemption	Property tax exemption for "Freeport Property"	Citywide
4	Economic Development Sales Tax 4A Contribution	Corpus Christi Business & Job Development Corporation (4A Funds; now Type A)	Citywide
5	Chapter 380 Agreement	The City may provide economic incentives in accordance with the Corpus Christi Chapter 380 Economic development Program Policies and Procedures	Citywide
6	Other Tax Deferrals, Tax Refunds or Tax Incentives	The City has three industrial districts that provide a platform for the City to negotiate a payment in lieu of taxes	Must be located in one of the city's three industrial districts
7	Impact/Inspection Fee Exemptions	The City may offer reduced development fees or a waiver of development fees to projects that meet specific eligibility criteria	Citywide
8	Capital Improvement in Water and Sewer Facilities	The City may provide infrastructure improvements for industries	Citywide
9	Zoning Changes or Variances	Allows changes in the zoning and variances.	As approved by City Council
10	Building Code Exemptions	Businesses in an industrial district are exempt from zoning, permitting, and building code enforcement requirements	Must be located in one of the city's three industrial districts
11	Streamlined Permitting	City may streamline the development permitting process, applicants must apply through the Corpus Christi EDC	Citywide
12	Improved Fire and Police Protection	Safety and protection of city residents.	Citywide
13	Community Crime Prevention Programs	Neighborhood Watch Program	Citywide

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14	Special Public Transportation Routes or Reduced Fares	The City may provide special transportation routes or fares to city residents upon request	Citywide
15	Road Repair	The City is in charge of implementing a multi-faceted street improvement plan	Citywide
16	Low-Interest Loans for Housing Rehabilitation or New Construction	Encourage home ownership for city residents through Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program	Citywide
17	Low-Interest Loans for Business	Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program	Citywide
18	Problem Resolution Center	Resource center for city residents	Citywide
19	Promotion and Marketing Services	Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation	Citywide
20	Job Training and Employment Services	Offered through the Corpus Christi Business & Job Development Corporation	Citywide
21	Retraining Program	Offered through the Corpus Christi Business & Job Development Corporation	Citywide
22	Literacy and Employment Skills Programs	Offered through the Corpus Christi Business & Job Development Corporation	Citywide
23	Vocational Education	Offered through the Corpus Christi Business & Job Development Corporation	Citywide
24	Customized Job Training	Offered through the Corpus Christi Business & Job Development Corporation	Citywide