

RESOLUTION NO. 21-866-14

A RESOLUTION TO RE-DESIGNATE THE GRANT COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE

WHEREAS, the City of John Day (the “City”) is sponsoring an enterprise zone designation jointly with the Cities of Mt. Vernon, Prairie City, and Seneca, Oregon; the Town of Canyon City, Oregon; and Grant County, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Grant County has formally advised and received consultation from the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) according to ORS 285C.078; and

WHEREAS, the municipal corporations, school districts, special service districts, that receive operating revenue through the levying of ad valorem taxes on real and personal property in any area of this enterprise zone were sent notice and invited to a public meeting on June 1st 2021 regarding its designation, in order for the sponsoring governments to effectively consult with these other local taxing districts; and

WHEREAS, the boundary will be established and approved as part of the re-designation submission to OBDD; and

WHEREAS, the City shall fulfill its duties and implement provisions jointly with other cosponsors under ORS 285C.105 or elsewhere in ORS Chapter 285C and related parts of Oregon Law, including but not limited to having appointed a local enterprise zone manager, and to preparing a list or map of local, publicly owned lands and buildings in this enterprise zone for purposes of ORS 285C.110; and

WHEREAS, designation of this enterprise zone does not grant or imply permission to develop land inside it without complying with jurisdictional zoning, regulatory and permitting processes and restrictions; nor does it indicate any intent to alter those processes or restrictions, except as otherwise done in accordance with Comprehensive Plans as acknowledged by the state of Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC); and

WHEREAS, the availability of enterprise zone exemptions to businesses that operate hotels, motels or destination resorts would help diversify local economic activity and facilitate the expansion of accommodations for visitors, who in turn will spend time and money in the area for business, recreation or other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in encouraging new business investment, job creation, higher incomes for local residents, greater diversity of economic activity, and the City appreciates the impacts that the designated enterprise zone would have and the property tax exemptions that eligible business firms might receive therein;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of John Day ordains as follows:

1. Findings. The above-stated findings contained in this Resolution No. 21-866-14 (this “Resolution”) are hereby adopted.

2. Enterprise Zone Designation. Under ORS 285C.065, the City does hereby re-designate an Oregon enterprise zone to be named: The Grant County Enterprise Zone, jointly with the Cities of Mt. Vernon, Prairie City, and Seneca, Oregon; the Town of Canyon City, Oregon; and Grant County, Oregon.

3. Delegation of Authority. Tory Stinnett, Director of Grant County Economic Development is authorized to finalize and submit documentation of this enterprise zone re-designation to OBDD on behalf of the zone sponsor for purposes of a positive determination in favor under ORS 285C.074.

4. Effective Date. Re-designation of this enterprise zone takes effect on the date of adoption of the last resolution by the sponsoring cities and county listed above.

5. Appointment. Tory Stinnett, Director of Grant County Economic Development, or her successor, is jointly appointed as the local zone manager for this enterprise zone.

BE IT SO RESOLVED, the City does hereby request a grant of approval by the director of OBDD to waive the distance maximum of 25 miles overall and 15 miles between separate areas within the Grant County Enterprise Zone under ORS 285C.120 (2) for purposes of this re-designation; and

BE IT SO RESOLVED, the City in sponsoring the Grant County Enterprise Zone exercises its option herewith under ORS 285C.070 that qualified property of and operated by a qualified business as a hotel, motel or destination resort shall receive the property tax exemption in the zone, and that such business firms are eligible for purposes of authorization in the zone.

This Resolution was PASSED and ADOPTED by the John Day City Council by a vote of ___ for and ___ against and APPROVED by the mayor on this ___th day of _____, 2021.

Ron Lundbom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nicholas Green, City Manager