

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS A TAX ABATEMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR COMMERCIAL- INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mansfield, Texas (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "City") desires to promote the development or redevelopment of a certain contiguous geographic area within the City by the creation of a reinvestment zone for commercial-industrial tax abatement, as authorized by Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing before the City Council of the City was scheduled and held at December 12, 2022, such date being at least seven (7) days after the date of publication of the notice of such public hearing, pursuant to Section 312.201(d) of the Texas Tax Code, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council held such public hearing after publishing notice of such public hearing, and giving written notice to all taxing units overlapping the territory inside the proposed tax abatement reinvestment zone; and,

WHEREAS, the City at such public hearing invited any interested person to appear and speak for or against the creation of the tax abatement reinvestment zone, the boundaries of the proposed tax abatement reinvestment zone, whether all or part of the territory should be included in such proposed tax abatement reinvestment zone, and the concept of tax abatement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

The findings set forth above are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2.

The City, after conducting such public hearing and having heard such evidence and testimony has made the following findings and determinations based upon the testimony presented:

- (a) That a public hearing on the adoption of Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. 46 has been properly called, held and conducted, and that notice of such hearing has been published at least seven (7) days before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the City, and mailed to all property taxing units overlapping the territory inside the proposed Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing; and
- (b) That the boundaries of Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. 46 should be the area as described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes; and
- (c) That Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. 46 as described in the attached Exhibit A meets the criteria for the creation of a tax abatement reinvestment zone as set forth in Section 312.202(a) of the Texas Tax Code, as amended, and in particular Section 312.202(a)(6) of the Texas Tax Code, in that it is "reasonably likely as a result of the designation to contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment or to attract major investment in the zone that would be a benefit to the property and that would contribute to the economic development of the City"; and
- (d) That Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. 46 as described and/or depicted in Exhibit A meets the criteria for the creation of a tax abatement reinvestment zone as set forth in the City's tax abatement guidelines and criteria; and
- (e) That the improvements proposed for Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. 46 are feasible and practical and would be a benefit to the land and to the City after the expiration of any tax abatement agreement.

SECTION 3.

Pursuant to Section 312.201 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended, the City of Mansfield, Texas, hereby creates Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. 46 for commercial-industrial tax abatement encompassing only the area described in Exhibit A, and such Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. 46 is hereby designated.

SECTION 4.

Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. 46 shall take effect immediately upon passage of this Ordinance. Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. 46 is effective for five (5) years and may be renewed for periods not to exceed five (5) years. The expiration of the designation of Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone No. 46 does not affect an existing tax abatement agreement.

SECTION 5.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses,

sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of this Ordinance of any such invalid or unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 6.

Any provision of any prior ordinance of the City, whether codified or uncoded, which is in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance, is hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict, but all other provisions of the ordinances of the City, whether codified or uncoded, which are not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage upon reading and the publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

DULY PASSED ON THE FIRST AND FINAL READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

Michael Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

Keera Seiger, Assistant City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Drew Larkin, City Attorney