

RESOLUTION NO. 2434

Introduced by All Commissioners

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OREGON
REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE**

WHEREAS, The Oregon Enterprise Zone Act, ORS 285C.045-250, authorizes the designation of Enterprise Zones and provides that property tax abatements and job creation are desirable to stimulate economic development in economically depressed areas;

WHEREAS, the Enterprise Zone ("E-Zone") program allows for industrial and other qualifying firms making substantial capital investments an exemption of 100 percent of real property taxes attributable to the new investment(s) for up to a five-year period;

WHEREAS, Clatsop County, the City of Warrenton, the City of Astoria, and the Port of Astoria are co-sponsoring an application for designation of an enterprise zone within Clatsop County, the City of Warrenton, the City of Astoria, and the Port of Astoria;

WHEREAS, Clatsop County, the City of Warrenton, the City of Astoria, and the Port of Astoria are interested in an enterprise zone to encourage new business investment, job creation, higher incomes for local residents, and greater diversity of economic activity;

WHEREAS, the proposed enterprise zone has a total area of approximately 6.48 square miles, and meets other statutory limitations on size and configuration as shown in the map attached hereto as Exhibit 1;

WHEREAS, the designation of an enterprise zone does not grant or imply permission to develop land within the E-Zone without complying with prevailing zoning, regulatory and permitting processes and restrictions for applicable jurisdictions; nor does it indicate any intent to modify those processes or restrictions, except as otherwise in accordance with Comprehensive Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Warrenton requests as a co-sponsor of the Clatsop Enterprise Zone, as shown in the map attached hereto as Exhibit 1, be designated by the Director of the Oregon Business Development Department as an enterprise zone pursuant to ORS 285C.065(3);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clatsop County Manager is authorized to submit the enterprise zone application for Clatsop County, the City of Warrenton, the City of Astoria, and the Port of Astoria and to make any substantive or technical changes to the application materials, as necessary, after adoption of this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Warrenton will give priority to the use in the proposed enterprise zone, if designated, of any economic development or job training funds received from the federal government, consistent with ORS 285C.065(3)(d);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Warrenton, as a sponsor of the proposed Clatsop 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 may receive a property tax exemption in the E-Zone;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Warrenton will comply with the requirements and provisions of ORS 285C.105 and otherwise fulfill its duties under ORS 285C.050 to 285C.250;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Warrenton appoints Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR) as enterprise zone manager of the proposed Clatsop E-Zone;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Warrenton has consulted with local taxing jurisdictions in compliance with ORS 285C.067.

Adopted by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton this 10th day of March, 2015.

APPROVED



Mark Kujala, Mayor

ATTEST



Linda Engbretson, CMC, City Recorder

Exhibit I
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(12 pgs.)























