



RESOLUTION 10 – 10

A RESOLUTION ADDING CITY INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE

Whereas:

In 2010, the County of Grant County and the cities of Mt. Vernon, John Day, Prairie City along with the Town of Canyon City successfully applied for an enterprise zone, which was designated as the Grant County Enterprise Zone on July 1, 2010.

The designation of an enterprise zone does not grant or imply permission to develop land within the Zone without complying with all prevailing zoning, regulatory and permitting processes and restrictions of any and all local jurisdictions; nor does it indicate any public intent to modify those processes or restrictions, unless otherwise in agreement with applicable comprehensive land use plans.

This Enterprise Zone and the three to five-year property tax exemption that it offers for new investments in plant and equipment by eligible business firms are critical elements of local efforts to increase employment opportunities, to raise local incomes, to attract investments by new and existing businesses and to secure and diversify the local economic base.

The Grant County Enterprise Zone is to be known henceforth as the "Grant County Enterprise Zone."

The City of Seneca is currently not a sponsoring government of the Grant County Enterprise Zone; the proposed changes in the zone boundary includes areas within the jurisdiction of the City of Seneca and Silvie's Valley Ranch, the City of Seneca is requesting to join the Grant County Enterprise Zone as a cosponsor.

Officials of the cities of John Day, Mt. Vernon, Prairie City, Town of Canyon City and County of Grant County are agreed in requesting a change in the boundary of the Grant County Enterprise Zone that would add the areas indicated in the attached map(s) (Exhibit A) and legal description (Exhibit B), such that the amended Enterprise Zone would be configured according to the attached map and description (Exhibits C & D).

Special notification was sent to all affected taxing districts that the zone; and

a public meeting was held in John Day, Oregon on November 12, 2010 to hear the response of the citizenry to the proposed change in the Grant County Enterprise Zone requested herein; and

This change in the boundary of the Grant County Enterprise Zone would allow portions of the City of Seneca and portions of Silvie's Valley Ranch to be included in the Grant County Enterprise Zone, which would benefit the local area through increased employment opportunities, raise local incomes, and to attract investments by new and existing businesses.



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Therefore, be it resolved that:

The City of Seneca requests a change in the boundary of the Grant County Enterprise Zone as shown in the attached maps and legal descriptions (Exhibit A—D);

The City of Seneca requests that the name of the Grant County Enterprise Zone remain the "Grant County Enterprise Zone;"

The City of Seneca requests that the City of Seneca be added to the Grant County Enterprise Zone as a cosponsor of the zone;

Sally Bartlett, local zone manager, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit technical memoranda to the Oregon Business Development Department, along with this resolution and other necessary documents, verifying that the requested boundary change to the Grant County Enterprise Zone complies with the requirements of ORS 285C.115, so that the request herein may be approved by order of the department's Director; and

The City of Seneca requests that the Director of the Oregon Business Development Department waive the distance maximum of 25 miles overall and/or of 15 miles between separate areas within the Grant County Enterprise Zone pursuant to this request boundary change as stated for rural zones in sparsely populated counties.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Adopted this 14th day of December, 2010

Mayor: Andrea Officer, Mayor
Andrea Officer, Mayor

Attest: Corry Rider
Corry Rider, City Recorder/Manager