

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2012-1004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-118, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2008-359, RELATING TO THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS' PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE; EXPANDING THE LIST OF ADDITIONAL LOCAL INCENTIVES OFFERED; CONTAINING FINDINGS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Houston, Texas ("City"), by Ordinance No. 2008-118, adopted on February 13, 2008, ordained, among other things, the City's participation in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program pursuant to the Act and offering a limited number of local incentives to qualified applicants; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2008-118 was amended on April 23, 2008, by Ordinance No. 2008-359, to correct the name of the Deloitte LLP enterprise project and to expand the list of local incentives offered by the City; and

WHEREAS, in response to comments by the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism, the City desires to again amend Ordinance No. 2008-118 to expand the list of local incentives the City offers to the maximum number available as summarized on attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider this Ordinance was held by the City Council on November 28, 2012; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 2008-118, as amended by Ordinance No. 2008-359, is amended to change Section 2 to read in its entirety as follows:

"Section 2. That the local incentives identified and summarized on the attached Exhibit A, at the election of the governing body, may be made available to the nominated enterprise projects or activities of qualified businesses."

Section 2. That Ordinance No. 2008-118, as amended by Ordinance No. 2008-359 and by this Ordinance, shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 3. That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on that date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the

Mayor fails to sign this Ordinance within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of November, 2012.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is DEC 04 2012.



City Secretary

(Prepared by Legal Department _____
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✓		MAYOR PARKER
••••	••••	COUNCIL MEMBERS
✓		BROWN
	ABSENT	DAVIS
✓		COHEN
✓		ADAMS
✓		SULLIVAN
✓		HOANG
✓		PENNINGTON
✓		GONZALEZ
✓		RODRIGUEZ
✓		LASTER
✓		GREEN
✓		COSTELLO
	ABSENT	BURKS
✓		NORIEGA
✓		BRADFORD
✓		CHRISTIE
CAPTION	ADOPTED	

Exhibit A

Name of Incentive		Description of Incentive	Availability
1	Tax Abatement	Property tax reduction.	Citywide
2	Zoning Changes/Variances	The City may amend the zoning ordinances of the municipality to promote economic development.	Citywide
3	Impact/Inspection Fee Exemptions	The City may exempt impact/ inspection fees.	Citywide
4	Streamlined Permitting	The City may establish simplified, accelerated, or other special permit procedures.	Citywide
5	Improved Fire & Police Protection	The City may adopt and implement a plan for police protection in the zone.	Citywide
6	Community Crime Prevention Programs	Citizen Patrol, Police Volunteer Initiatives Program, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design	Citywide
7	Special Public Transportation Routes	The City may provide transportation programs that benefit the zone.	Citywide
8	Capital Improvements in Water & Sewer Facilities	The City can provide resources for a capital improvement plan related to water and sewer service.	Citywide
9	Road Repair	The City may provide improvements in community facilities, including road repair.	Citywide
10	One-Stop Permitting, Problem Resolution Center or Ombudsmen	The City may provide regulatory relief to businesses, including one-stop permitting.	Citywide
11	Promotion & Marketing Service	Greater Houston Partnership, Uptown Houston District, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, and Houston East End Chamber of Commerce	Citywide/ Countywide
12	Job Training & Employment Services	Offered in conjunction with local community colleges, technical schools and Workforce Solutions.	Citywide
13	Retraining Program	Offered in conjunction with local community colleges, technical schools and the Workforce Solutions.	Citywide
14	Literacy & Employment Skills Services	Offered in conjunction with local community colleges, technical schools and the Workforce Solutions.	Citywide
15	Creation/Improvement of Parks	Maintain healthy lifestyle for City residents.	Citywide
16	Vocational Education	Offered in conjunction with local community colleges, technical schools and the Workforce Solutions.	Citywide
17	Customized Job Training	Offered in conjunction with local community colleges, technical schools and the Workforce Solutions.	Citywide
18	Low-Interest Loans for Housing Rehabilitation or New Construction	The City may provide improvements to housing, including low-interest loans for housing rehabilitation or new construction.	Citywide
19	Freeport Exemption	The City offers a Freeport Exemption	Citywide
20	Tax Increment Financing	The City uses Tax Increment Financing to finance public infrastructure improvements.	Citywide
21	Building Code Exemptions	The City may provide regulatory relief to businesses, including exemptions from unnecessary building code requirements, impact fees, or inspection fees.	Citywide