

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2015- 515

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-118, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2008-359, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1004, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS 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 (the "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, Ordinance No. 2008-118 was amended again on November 28, 2012, by Ordinance No. 2012-1004, to expand the list of local incentives offered by the City; and

WHEREAS, in response to an increase in incentives 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 shown on attached **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider this Ordinance was held by the City Council on May 27, 2015; **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, as amended by Ordinance No. 2012-1004, is amended to change Section 2 to read in its entirety as follows:

"Section 2. That the local incentives identified and shown 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 2008-359, as amended by Ordinance No. 2012-1004 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 3rd day of June, 2015.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is JUN 09 2015.



City Secretary

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(Requested by Andrew F. Icken, Chief Development Officer, Office of the Mayor)
(L.D. File No. 0421500065001)

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✓		STARDIG
	ABSENT	DAVIS
✓		COHEN
✓		BOYKINS
✓		MARTIN
✓		NGUYEN
✓		PENNINGTON
✓		GONZALEZ
✓		GALLEGO
✓		LASTER
✓		GREEN
	ABSENT	COSTELLO
✓		ROBINSON
✓		KUBOSH
✓		BRADFORD
	ABSENT	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 Workforce solutions.	Citywide
14	Literacy & Employment Skills Services	Offered in conjunction with local community colleges, technical schools and 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 Workforce solutions.	Citywide
17	Customized Job Training	Offered in conjunction with local community colleges, technical schools and 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
22	Chapter 380 Property Tax Rebate	The City may provide all or a portion of annual property tax collections towards the reimbursement for infrastructure or other development obstacle	Citywide
23	Local Sales Tax Refund	The City may provide all or a portion of the quarterly local sales tax collections towards the reimbursement for infrastructure or other development obstacle	Citywide
24	Exchange of Land or Abandonment of Land	The City may offer as an incentive a waiver against property abandonment cost or a consideration of land exchanges	Citywide
25	Other tax deferrals, tax refunds or tax incentives	The City may provide other tax incentives, including recovery of mixed beverage tax	Citywide
26	Other tax deferrals, tax refunds or tax incentives	The City may provide tax incentives	Citywide
27	Creation of other venues	The City may assist in the creation of public facilities, including libraries, fire and police stations, and community facilities	Citywide
28	Provision of Publicly Owned Land for Development Purposes	The City may provide through lease, sell or grant, publicly owned land for development purposes	Citywide
29	Low Interest Loans for Business	The City may facilitate a low interest loan to businesses eligible for other incentive program	Citywide