

CITY OF PENITAS, Texas, Ordinance No. 2004-05

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A CONTIGUOUS GEOGRAPHIC AREA WITHIN CITY OF PENITAS AS REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, CITY OF PENITAS, TEXAS, FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PURPOSES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 311 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE; CREATING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SUCH ZONE; CONTAINING FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, the City may designate a contiguous geographic area within the City as a reinvestment zone if the area satisfies the requirements of certain sections of Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a preliminary reinvestment zone financing plan, which provides that CITY OF PENITAS City ad valorem taxes are to be deposited into the tax increment fund, and that taxes of other taxing units may be utilized in the financing of the proposed zone; and

WHEREAS, the City provided written notice of the public hearing on the creation of the proposed zone, complying with the requirements of Chapter 311, Texas Tax Code, to the governing body of all taxing units levying taxes on property in the proposed zone; and

WHEREAS, a notice of the public hearing on the creation of the proposed zone was published on OCTOBER 26, 2004, in the McALLEN MONITOR, a newspaper of general circulation in the City; and

WHEREAS, the total appraised value of real property taxable by the South Texas College District, in which the proposed zone is located, is \$3,610,638; and

WHEREAS, the total appraised value of real property taxable by the Hidalgo County Drainage District #1, in which the proposed zone is located, is \$3,610,638; and

WHEREAS, the total area within the proposed zone is approximately 716 acres, excluding property that is publicly owned; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Findings.

(a) That the facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found and declared to be true and correct and are adopted as part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

(b) That the City Council further finds and declares that the proposed improvements in the zone will significantly enhance the value of all the taxable real property in the proposed zone and will be of general benefit to the City.

(c) That the City Council further finds and declares that the proposed zone meets the criteria and requirements of Section 311.005 of the Texas Tax Code because the proposed zone contains substantial areas that are predominantly open and underdeveloped, and lack public water distribution, wastewater collection and storm drainage facilities which conditions substantially impair and arrest the sound growth of the City.

(d) That the City Council, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 311, Texas Tax Code, further finds and declares:

Section 3. Board of Directors

That there is hereby created a Board of Directors for the Zone, which shall consist of seven (7) members. Positions One through Five on the Board of Directors shall be reserved for the City. Positions Six and Seven shall be reserved for other taxing units levying taxes within the Zone, each of whom may appoint one director. Any taxing unit that appoints a director shall be assigned a Board position number in the order the City receives the appointment. Failure of a taxing unit to appoint a director by June 15, 2005, shall be deemed a waiver of the right to appoint a director, and the City shall be entitled to appoint persons to the position, which shall be filled as provided below. If more than two taxing units levying taxes within the Zone appoint a director, the number of directors on the Board of Directors shall be increased by one for each taxing unit above two that appoints a director to the board; provided, if more than four taxing units levying taxes within the Zone appoint a director, the number of directors on the Board of Directors shall be increased by two for each taxing unit above four that appoints a director to the board, provided, further, that the maximum number of directors shall not exceed fifteen (15). The City shall be entitled to appoint a person to one position of each of the two positions created as a result of more than four taxing units appointing directors, which position shall be filled as provided below.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to nominate and appoint, subject to City Council approval, the directors to Positions One through Five of the Board of Directors, any position unfilled on June 15, 2005, and any City position created by the appointment of a director by more than two taxing units levying taxes within the Zone, subject to the consent and approval of the City Council.

Section 4. Duration of the Zone

That the Zone shall take effect on January 1, 2004, for the deposit of tax increments into the Tax Increment Fund established pursuant to Section 7 of this Ordinance, and termination of the operation of the Zone shall occur on December 31, 2034, or at an earlier time designated by subsequent ordinance, or at such time, subsequent to the issuance of tax increment bonds, if any, that all project costs, tax increment bonds, notes and other obligations of the Zone, and the interest thereon, have been paid in full.

Section 5. Tax Increment Base

That the Tax Increment Base of the City or any other taxing unit participating in the Zone for the Zone is the total appraised value of all real property taxable by the City or other taxing unit participating in the Zone and located in the Zone, determined as of January 1, 2004, the year in which the Zone was designated as a reinvestment zone (the "Tax Increment Base").

Section 6. Tax Increment Fund

That there is hereby created and established a Tax Increment Fund for the Zone which may be divided into subaccounts as authorized by subsequent ordinances. All Tax Increments, as defined below, shall be deposited in the Tax Increment Fund. The Tax Increment Fund and any subaccount shall be maintained at the depository bank of the City and shall be secured in the manner prescribed by law for funds of Texas cities. The annual Tax Increment shall equal the property taxes levied by the City and any other taxing unit participating in the Zone for that year on the captured appraised value, as defined by Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, of real property located in Zone that is

Section 8. Open Meetings

It is hereby found, determined and declared that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting of the City Council at which this Ordinance was adopted was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times to the general public at the City Hall of the City for the Time required by law preceding its meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Texas Government Code, ch. 551, and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter hereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

Section 9. Notices

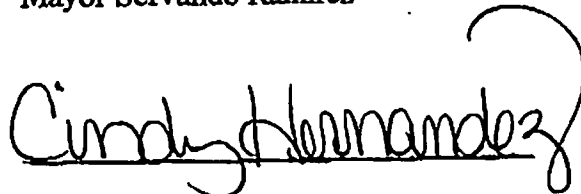
The contents of the notice of the public hearing, which hearing was held before the City Council on November 3, 2004, and the publication of said notice, are hereby ratified, and confirmed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of November, 2004.

APPROVED this 3rd day of November, 2004.



Mayor Servando Ramirez



Cindy Hernandez, City Secretary