

**ORDER ADOPTING AMENDMENT TO GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA  
FOR  
GRANTING TAX ABATEMENTS  
IN HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, adopted Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Hidalgo County, Texas, effective March 16, 2010, which were subsequently amended by the Commissioners Court (as so amended, the "Guidelines") to allow Hidalgo County, on a case-by-case basis, to give consideration to providing tax abatement as a stimulation for economic development in Hidalgo County pursuant to chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County desires to amend the Guidelines in order to better provide for the stimulation of economic development in Hidalgo County.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, hereby adopts the Amendment to Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Hidalgo County, Texas, attached as Exhibit A.

**PASSED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED** this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011, by the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas.

SIGNED AND ENTERED ON THE ABOVE DATE BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE HIDALGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

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JOEL QUINTANILLA  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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HECTOR "TITO" PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct.3

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JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attested to:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
ATLAS AND HALL, L.L.P.

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ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
County Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
STEPHEN L. CRAIN

**EXHIBIT A**  
**AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 29, 2011**  
**TO**  
**MARCH 16, 2010**  
**GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR**  
**GRANTING TAX ABATEMENTS**  
**IN HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

Section IV of the Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Hidalgo County, Texas, effective March 16, 2010 (as amended through the date hereof, the "Guidelines and Criteria") is amended by adding the following new subsection C.

C. Timing Provisions. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Sections IV or V of these Guidelines and Criteria, to the extent allowable under applicable law, the Commissioners Court in its discretion may (i) allow additional time for compliance with the requirements in Sections IV and V with respect to any applications received after October 1 of the calendar year, and (ii) consider and approve a tax abatement and enter into an Agreement prior to receipt of all required information, provided that if such abatement is granted the Agreement requires the owner or lessor and lessee to comply with any such provisions within thirty days of the date of the Agreement and allows the County to terminate the Agreement in the event any conditions in the Agreement are not timely met.

Except as expressly amended hereby, the Guidelines and Criteria are hereby ratified and confirmed.