

**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 June 26, 2012, (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 \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012, 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 JULY \_\_, 2012 TO

JUNE 26, 2012

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR  
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Section IVA.(12) 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 to read in its entirety as follows:.

- (12) Applicant shall pay to the County a non-refundable application fee of \$1,000 at the time of submission of the tax abatement application unless
- (a) the Applicant meets all of the following criteria:
    - (i) during the twelve months immediately preceding the submission of the tax abatement application, the Applicant submitted an application for a tax abatement to the County (the “Prior Application”);
    - (ii) during such twelve month period, the Applicant paid the \$1,000 fee to the County with respect to the Prior Application;
    - (iii) neither the Applicant nor any other party has received or will receive any tax abatement with respect to such Prior Application; and
    - (iv) the Commissioners Court deems such new application to be substantially similar to the Prior Application; or
  - (b) the total tax abatement that the Applicant is requesting is less than and capped at (i) \$1,000 per year and/or (ii) \$10,000 in the aggregate over the life of the abatement.

Applicant understands and, by submitting an application agrees, that such fee is to partially offset the County’s expenses in reviewing the Applicant’s application and shall not be refunded in the event the application is withdrawn by Applicant or denied by the County. Applicant will submit along with the application a copy of the receipt issued from the Hidalgo County Treasurer evidencing payment of the application fee.

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