

**ORDER APPROVING
TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, AND
MERASTAR INSURANCE COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, Texas (the "Commissioners Court"), adopted Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Hidalgo County, Texas, effective December 22, 2020 (the "Guidelines and Criteria"), to allow the County, on a case-by-case basis, to give consideration to providing abatements of property taxes as a means of stimulating economic development in Hidalgo County, Texas (the "County"), in accordance with the provisions of the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act (Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312);

WHEREAS, **MERASTAR INSURANCE COMPANY**, an Illinois corporation (the "Owner"), has applied for tax abatement by the County with respect to a project in Reinvestment Zone No. 3, in the City of McAllen, Texas;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that the proposed tax abatement agreement between the County and the Owner (the "Tax Abatement Agreement") is in accordance with the Guidelines and Criteria;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that the economic life of the facility to be constructed and/or improved by Owner will exceed the duration of the proposed tax abatement set forth in the Tax Abatement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that it is in the interests of the County to grant the tax abatement requested by Owner on the terms and conditions set forth in the Tax Abatement Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT:

1. Approval of the Tax Abatement Agreement. The Tax Abatement Agreement is hereby approved substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, with such changes thereto as are approved by the County Judge of the County, with advice of the County's attorneys, and the County Judge is authorized to execute on after the effective date of the Tax Abatement Agreement (and the County Clerk is authorized to attest) the Tax Abatement Agreement on behalf of the County and deliver same. When the Tax Agreement is executed and delivered, the Tax Abatement Agreement shall become a valid and binding obligation of the County in accordance with its terms.

2. Effective Date. This Order shall become effective immediately upon the passage hereof.

PASSED, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED on this the 29th day of December, 2020, 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.

RICHARD F. CORTEZ, County Judge

DAVID L. FUENTES
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

JOE M. FLORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

ELLIE TOORES
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTESTED TO:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**JONES, GALLIGAN, KEY & LOZANO,
L.L.P.**

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk

By: _____
EUGENE R. VAUGHAN, III

Approved by Commissioners Court

On _____

Exhibit "A"

Draft of

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