

RESOLUTION NO. 3265

A RESOLUTION FOR AN E-COMMERCE DESIGNATION FOR THE BEND ENTERPRISE ZONE

Findings

- A. On June 2, 2021, the Bend City Council passed a resolution authorizing EDCO to apply for the re-designation of the Bend Enterprise Zone. The new Enterprise Zone application was approved by Business Oregon and became effective on July 1, 2021.
- B. The Bend Enterprise Zone was previously approved from 2010-2021, and included a designation for electronic commerce ("E-Commerce"). The Bend Enterprise Zone designated in 2021 did not include a request for an e-commerce designation. Applications were opened for E-Commerce designations after Council's approval of the Bend Enterprise Zone application in 2021. An E-Commerce designation allows for certain qualifying businesses that engage in commerce via the internet to access enterprise zone property tax abatements.
- C. An E-Commerce designation for the Bend Enterprise Zone will benefit the business community by allowing internet-based businesses to access the Enterprise Zone short-term exemption on new investments in building and equipment.
- D. An enterprise zone or E-Commerce designation does not grant or imply permission to develop land within an enterprise zone without complying with all prevailing zoning, regulatory and permitting processes and restrictions of any and all local jurisdictions; nor does it indicate any public intent to modify those processes or restrictions.
- E. This E-Commerce designation and the three to five-year property tax exemption that it offers for new investments in plant and equipment by eligible business firms are critical elements of local efforts to increase employment opportunities, to raise local incomes, to attract investments by new and existing businesses and to secure and diversify the local economic base.
- F. The City Finance Department has analyzed the proposed expansion area and has found that although there may be reductions in tax revenue in the future, such impacts can be monitored to assure that tax revenue is not diminished to a level where services are sacrificed.

Based on these findings,

THE CITY OF BEND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City of Bend requests an e-commerce designation for the Bend Enterprise Zone under ORS 285C.095.

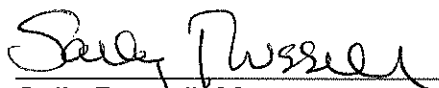
- Section 2. Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO, Local Zone Manager) is hereby authorized to prepare and submit technical memoranda to the Business Oregon (Oregon Business Development Department), along with this resolution and other necessary documents, verifying that the requested e-commerce designation for the City of Bend Enterprise Zone complies with the requirements of ORS 285C.078, so that the request herein may be approved by order of the department's Director.

This resolution takes effect immediately on passage.

Adopted on August 4, 2021

YES: Mayor Sally Russell
Councilor Barb Campbell
Councilor Melanie Kebler
Councilor Anthony Broadman
Councilor Megan Perkins
Councilor Rita Schenkelberg

NO: none



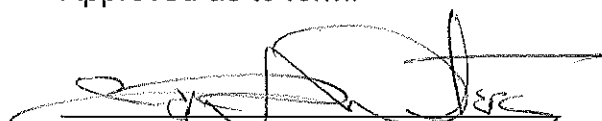
Sally Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robyn Christie, City Recorder

Approved as to form:



Mary Winters, City Attorney