

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER AND RESOLUTION  
NO: 15-03-31-06

IN THE MATTER OF CO-SPONSORING  
AND ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO RE-  
DESIGNATE THE OAKRIDGE / WESTFIR  
ENTERPRISE ZONE

- WHEREAS,** The Lane County Board of Commissioners with the City of Oakridge, and the City of Westfir are sponsoring an application for the re-designation of an enterprise zone with the City of Oakridge in Lane County, Oregon; and
- WHEREAS,** The Lane County Board of Commissioners with the City of Oakridge, and the City of Westfir are interested in an enterprise zone to encourage new business investment, job creation, higher incomes for local residents, and greater diversity of economic activity; and
- WHEREAS,** The proposed enterprise zone has a total area of 10.5 square miles, and it meets statutory limitations on size and configuration as depicted on the map (Exhibit A); and
- WHEREAS,** The proposed enterprise zone contains significant land that is reserved for industrial use, particularly the Oakridge Industrial Park, consistent with the Comprehensive Plans of the sponsoring agencies acknowledged by the Land Conservation and Development Commission, such industrial sites are accessible, serviced or serviceable, and otherwise ready for use and further development; and
- WHEREAS,** The designation of an enterprise zone does not grant or imply permission to develop land within the Zone without complying with the prevailing zoning, regulatory, and permitting processes and restrictions for applicable jurisdictions; nor does it indicate any intent to modify those processes or restrictions, except as otherwise in accordance with Comprehensive Plans; and
- WHEREAS,** The Lane County Board of Commissioners with the City of Oakridge, with the City of Westfir appreciate the impacts that a designated enterprise zone would have and the property tax exemptions that eligible business firms might receive therein, as governed by the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 285C and other provisions of Oregon Law; and
- WHEREAS,** All of the other municipal corporations, school districts, special service districts and so forth, other than the sponsoring governments, that receive operating revenue through the levying of *ad valorem* taxes on real and personal property in any area of the proposed enterprise zone were sent notice and invited to a public meeting regarding this proposal, in order for these sponsoring governments to effectively consult with these other local taxing districts. Follow-up arrangements as agreed to with these consultations will be completed with affected districts within six months of the proposed enterprise zone's designation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Oakridge/Westfir Enterprise Zone has been operating for the previous eleven years with the same configuration and the same taxing districts with the additional of the Hazeldell Rural Fire Protection District; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Oakridge is working with a new business that plans to expand its operations within the Oakridge Industrial Park over the next five years;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS and RESOLVES** as follows:

The Cities of Oakridge and Westfir and Lane County propose and apply for the current Oakridge/Westfir Enterprise Zone to be re-designated as an enterprise zone for the next eleven years and requests that the state Economic and Community Development Department order the designation of this enterprise zone; and

Louis Gomez, Oakridge City Administrator, also the Oakridge/Westfir Enterprise Zone Manager, is authorized to submit the enterprise zone application for the Cities of Oakridge and Westfir and Lane County and to make any substantive or technical change to the application materials, as deemed necessary, after adoption of this resolution; and

The Cities of Oakridge and Westfir and Lane County will give priority to the use in the proposed enterprise zone, if designated, of any economic development or job training funds received from the Federal government, consistent with ORS 285C.065(3)(d); and

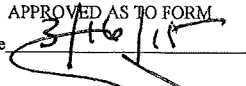
The Cities of Oakridge and Westfir and Lane County commits, upon designation, to appoint the City Administrator of Oakridge to be the Zone Manager; and

The Cities of Oakridge and Westfir and Lane County will comply with the requirements and provisions of ORS 285C.105 and otherwise fulfill its duties under ORS 285C.050 to 285C.250; and

The Cities of Oakridge and Westfir and Lane County commit, within six months of designation, to implement and to confirm for the department its fulfillment of such duties, as specified in OAR 123-065-0210, including but not limited to preparation of a list or map of local lands and buildings owned by the state or by municipal corporations within the enterprise zone that are not being used or designated for a public purpose and that have appropriate land use zoning, and to efforts for making such real property available for lease or purchase by authorized business firms under ORS 285C.110.

**ADOPTED** this 31st day of March, 2015.

  
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Jay Bozlevich, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 3/16/15  
  
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LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL