



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

January 14, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution Renewing Adoption of a Tax Abatement Policy and Establishing Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Abatement Agreements.

SUBMITTED BY: Mike Collins, Director of Planning & Economic Development

REFERENCE NO: Resolution No. 14-1421

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider Resolution No. 14-1421 renewing adoption of a tax abatement policy, establishing guidelines and criteria for tax abatement agreements and electing to become eligible to participate in tax abatement.

ALTERNATIVES:

- Approve the request with modifications
- Table the request
- Deny the request

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT:

The Texas Legislature, during the 2009 Legislative Session reauthorized the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act within Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code through September 1, 2019. The Act establishes the authority of and the process for various local taxing entities to grant tax abatements. As part of the reauthorization, the Texas Legislature established that the process for local taxing entities to grant tax abatements is the adoption by Resolution of guidelines and criteria.

No changes are recommended by staff to the guidelines that are included as "Attachment A". The Tax Abatement Policy is effective for two (2) years from the date of adoption. During this time, the policy may be amended or repealed only by an affirmative three-fourth ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the City Council.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Resolution No. 14-1421

APPROVED BY:

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City Manager's Office

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City Secretary's Office