**RESOLUTION NO. 08-20-19-2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS CITY COUNCIL: ADOPTING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR TAX ABATEMENT WITHIN REINVESTMENT ZONES FOR THE CITY OF AMARILLO; PROVIDE A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Amarillo desires to participate in tax abatements from time to time as the City Council may find appropriate, in accordance with the criteria and guidelines herein adopted;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That for tax abatements in reinvestment zones adopted by the City of Amarillo, the fundamental purpose is to stimulate growth and create jobs, and the following guidelines and general criteria will apply:

A. Tax abatements may be provided for both new facilities and structures and for the expansion or modernization of existing facilities and structures. Each project proposed for tax abatement shall be considered individually on its own merits, benefit to the public, and in context of any other economic incentives for the project or existing in the reinvestment zone.

B. The developer, property owner, project owner, or other recipient of a tax abatement must annually certify in writing to the governing body of each participating taxing unit that the developer, owner or recipient is in compliance with each applicable term of the agreement.

C. Only the taxable value of improvements to real property or tangible personal property that is brought to the real property after the execution of a tax abatement agreement will qualify for tax abatement.

D. A tax abatement agreement must ensure that the periods of abatement are directly proportional to the capital expenditures for improvements and the number of permanent full-time jobs created.

E. Expansion or modernization of existing facilities qualifies for tax abatement if the expansion meets the qualifications for capital expenditures and retention of or creation of new jobs nets new jobs. The number of jobs created must be new jobs and not replacement of jobs which were in the payroll within the year immediately prior to application for tax abatement. A tax abatement shall not be granted if the facility has been the subject of or included in a prior tax abatement agreement.

F. If a new facility is constructed to replace an existing facility, and the existing facility is abandoned by the developer, property owner, project owner, or other recipient of a tax abatement, only the difference in taxable value of the new facility over the existing facility will qualify for tax abatement.

G. An agreement will be executed by the developer, property owner, project owner, or other recipient of a tax abatement which incorporates the terms of this resolution and includes any other site and development specific terms which might be found applicable at the time.

H. The tax abatement agreement will require, among other things, that the City of Amarillo will have the right of access to the site and books and records of the applicant for tax abatement to determine compliance with statutory requirements and the agreement. Failure to fulfill any of the requirements of the agreement will result in cancellation of the agreement and retroactive loss of tax abatement.

**SECTION 2.** If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances for any reason is held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid or for any reason unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution or the application thereby shall remain in effect, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Amarillo, Texas in adopting this resolution, that no portion thereof or provision contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by any reasons of unconstitutionality of any other portion or provision.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is immediately effective upon passage.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Amarillo, Texas, on this the 20th day of August, 2019.

**CITY OF AMARILLO**

Ginger Nelson

Ginger Nelson, Mayor, City of Amarillo

**ATTEST:**

Frances Hibbs

Frances Hibbs, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Bryan S. McWilliams, City Attorney