

MEMO

DATE: October 19, 2018
TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mercy L. Rushing, City Manager & Executive Director, Mineola Dev. Inc.
SUBJECT: Resolution Creating a Reinvestment Zone for Tax Abatement



Tax Abatement is part of the City's Investment tool to encourage new property redevelopment and development along with creation of new jobs for our community. For the city to continue to offer Tax Abatement to commercial/industrial businesses and affordable housing projects we would need to pass the following:

1. Resolution creating a Reinvestment Zone - We are proposing that our Reinvestment Zone incorporate all the commercial/industrial and multi-family affordable housing zone areas within our entire City Limits. This resolution will be good for five (5) years, renewable every five years as long as State of Texas continues to allow cities to give Tax Abatements as incentives for Economic Development. The expiration of the designation does not affect an existing tax abatement agreement made during the legal time frame for the Reinvestment Zone. By Law the abatement period may not exceed 10 years on any one property. Next renewal period for City of Mineola will be October 2023

MEDC Staff will make sure and notify all other taxing entities within our community of our renewal of Reinvestment Zone for our City. I just wanted to make council aware that School District cannot participate in the Abatement process as stated within the State Law since Oct. 2001.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Mineola in order to maintain, improve and expand its commercial and industrial base and to encourage the establishment of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mineola desires to prevent and eliminate deterioration and blight in the community, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mineola seeks to encourage job creation and investment in the community,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Mineola intends to provide a tax abatement program within the corporate limits of the City of Mineola, in the designated commercial, industrial and multi-family residential zoned areas of the city.

Approved this 22nd day of October, 2018.

Kevin White, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary