

CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

I.

General Statement of Purpose and Policy

The City of Arlington is committed to the promotion of high quality development in all parts of the City and to an ongoing improvement in the quality of life for its citizens. The City of Arlington has previously developed economic development programs and incentives designed to encourage high quality business, commercial, professional sports and manufacturing concerns to locate, remain, and expand in the City of Arlington. Now the City of Arlington seeks to enhance its economic development efforts to attract and retain high quality development and jobs by establishing these Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Policies and Procedures.

These Policies and Procedures are established in an effort to develop and expand the local economy by promoting and encouraging development and redevelopment projects that enhance the City's economic base, and diversify and expand job opportunities or by promoting and encouraging projects that create additional revenue for the city without substantially increasing the demand on City services or infrastructure. The ultimate goal and public purpose of programs established hereunder is to protect and enhance the City's fiscal ability to provide high quality municipal services for the safety, comfort and enjoyment of Arlington residents.

In furtherance of these objectives, the City of Arlington will, on a case-by-case basis, give consideration to providing economic incentives to applicants in accordance with these Policies and Procedures as authorized by Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended from time to time.

Nothing in this document is intended to imply or suggest that the City of Arlington is under any obligation to provide economic incentives to any applicant. All applicants shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. The decision to approve or deny economic incentives shall be at the discretion of the City Council. Each applicant granted economic incentives as a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program (also referred to as Program) under these Policies and Procedures must enter into an agreement with the City of Arlington containing all terms required by these Policies and Procedures and by state law to protect the public interest of receiving a public benefit in exchange for public funds, assets and services invested

to stimulate economic development in Arlington.

**II.
Program Requirements**

- A. To be considered for incentives as a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program under these Policies and Procedures, a project must at least meet the following minimum requirements:
1. Either the project
 - a. will result in a minimum increased taxable value for the City of \$25,000,000 in real and business personal property (excluding inventory and supplies); **or**
 - b. will result in a minimum increased taxable value for the City of \$250,000 in real and business personal property (excluding inventory and supplies) in the Downtown Business Zoning District or the Downtown Neighborhood Overlay District; **or**
 - c. is specifically determined by resolution of the Arlington City Council to bring benefit to the City consistent with the General Statement of Purpose and Policy as stated in Paragraph I above; **and**
 2. In addition, the project
 - a. is qualified as a target industry according to the City of Arlington Policy Statement for Tax Abatement; **or**
 - b. will make a unique or unequalled contribution to development or redevelopment efforts in the City of Arlington, due to its magnitude, significance to the community or aesthetic quality; **or**
 - c. will enhance the City's fiscal ability to provide high quality municipal services for the safety, comfort and enjoyment of Arlington residents.
- B. A project shall not be eligible for incentives under these Policies and Procedures if a building permit has been issued for the project prior to making application in accordance with these Policies and Procedures.

- C. Incentives provided in accordance with these Policies and Procedures will be provided only to the extent that the revenue realized by the City and attributable to a project exceeds a minimum amount established by the Agreement. The public benefit or amount of revenue realized by the City and attributable to the project must be commensurate with value of any incentives granted under this Program.

III.

Additional Considerations

Additional factors to be considered by the City Council in determining whether to authorize an Agreement for incentives as a Chapter 380 Economic Development Program (Program) are:

- A. the number and types of jobs to be created or retained;
- B. the financial capacity of the applicant to undertake and complete the proposed project;
- C. other incentive programs for which the applicant has applied or is qualified;
- D. the market conditions and growth potential for the business activity, and
- E. any other factors the City Council finds helpful and relevant to accomplishing the City's economic development objectives.

IV.

Application Process

- A. An application for consideration as a Program shall be made on forms supplied by the City. An applicant may be required to provide additional information to show compliance with minimum Program requirements. If City staff determines minimum Program requirements have been met, City staff shall prepare and present a proposed Agreement with the applicant to the City Council.
- B. The City Council may consider the proposed Agreement and may take action on the proposal as it deems appropriate. Nothing in these Policies and Procedures and nothing in the application form and process shall create any property, contract, or other legal right in any person to have the City Council consider or grant incentives.

V.

Agreement Terms

An Agreement established for a Program must include:

- A. a timetable and list of the kind of improvements or development that the Program will include, and conditions to assure that the Program meets or exceeds the City's requirements pertaining to property values and revenues, which in no event shall be less than the minimum Program requirements established in Paragraph II above;
- B. a complete description of the location of the proposed Program or projects included in the Program;
- C. a timetable and list of the kind and amount of property values, revenues, incomes or other public benefits that the proposed Program will provide;
- D. a provision establishing the duration the Agreement;
- E. a provision identifying the method for calculating and source of funding for any grant, loan or other incentives provided in the Agreement;
- F. a provision providing a tangible means for measuring whether the applicant and other responsible parties have met their obligations under the Agreement;
- G. a provision providing for access to and authorizing inspection of the property and applicant's pertinent business records by municipal employees in order to determine compliance with the Agreement;
- H. a provision for cancellation of the Agreement and/or nonpayment of incentives if the Program is determined to not be in compliance with the Agreement;
- I. a provision for recapturing City funds granted or loaned, or for recapturing the value of other public assets granted or loaned, if the applicant does not meet its duties and obligations under the terms of the Agreement;
- J. a provision that allows assignment of the Agreement with prior written approval of the City Council, or without the prior written approval of the City Council provided that:
 - 1. all rights, duties, obligations and liabilities under the Agreement are assigned from the assignor to the assignee; and
 - 2. the assignment is made subject and subordinate to

the Agreement and the Chapter 380 Economic Development Program Policies and Procedures; and

3. the assignment document is in a form and contains content acceptable to the City Attorney's Office;
- K. provisions relating to administration, delinquent taxes, reporting requirements and indemnification;
- L. a provision that the Agreement may be amended by the parties to the Agreement by using the same procedure for approval as is required for entering into the Agreement; and
- M. such other provisions as the City Council shall deem appropriate.

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