

25R-09

**PETITIONER(S):** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor's Office of Economic Development  
Department of Planning & Development

**SPONSOR(S):** \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilman Alfonso Salinas III, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Councilman Dan Spitale (At-Large)

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 25 R. - R09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE RE-DESIGNATION OF THE  
HAMMOND URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE-YEARS FOR A  
RENEWAL SUNSET DATE OF DECEMBER 31, 2029**

- WHEREAS,** The Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana (the "**Common Council**") has a continuing interest in and support for economic and community development programs impacting the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana (the "**City**") in order to implement and develop programs which act as a catalyst and stimulus for: (i) encouragement of private investment in the City; (ii) the employment of City, regional and state of Indiana residents; and (iii) improve, remediate and mitigate the physical environment for development to occur; and
- WHEREAS,** The Urban Enterprise Association of Hammond, Indiana, Inc. (the "**HUEA**"), a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit entity pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and as certified by the Indiana Office of the Secretary of State (Business ID 198506-516), administers and manages the Hammond Urban Enterprise Zone Program which is governed by Indiana Code 5-28-15 (the "**Act**") as initially established on January 1, 1985 and re-designated on January 1, 2005 and further re-designated on January 1, 2015 (pursuant to Resolution No. 14R-28 approved on October 27, 2014 as the "**2014 Re-Designation Resolution**") and on January 1, 2020 (pursuant to Resolution No. 18R-43 approved on December 11, 2018 as the "**2018 Re-Designation Resolution**"), pursuant to Section 10 of the Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The Common Council pursuant to the 2018 Re-Designation Resolution supports the Indiana Enterprise Zone Program in the City under the stewardship of the HUEA as well as the goals and objectives of the HUEA, resulting in a private-public cooperative beneficial to the economic and community development efforts of the City; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-45-9(a), a participating zone business that makes a qualified investment in the Hammond Urban Enterprise Zone (the "**Zone**") and that submits a complete and timely FORM EZ-2 to the Office of the Lake County, Indiana Auditor is qualified and entitled to an EZ Deduction upon verification of said qualified investments; and
- WHEREAS,** The Common Council pursuant to the 2018 Re-Designation Resolution acknowledges that the HUEA is self-funded from a thirty-six percent (36%) local compliance fee (the "**Participation Fee**") as legislated by the Common Council on realized tax saving as a result of an EZ Deduction applied by the Lake County, Indiana Auditor based upon the submission of timely FORM EZ-2 by a Zone

participating business for a deduction of a qualified investment of real and/or personal property for which said Participation Fees, in total, are utilized by the HUEA for: (i) development, redevelopment, rehabilitation purposes in the Zone and (ii) the implementation of programs for the enhancement of opportunities for Zone businesses and residents and the quality of life of the Zone, all pursuant to the purposes of the HUEA as stated in its Articles of Incorporation, and

**WHEREAS,** House Enrolled Act 1288 ("**HEA 1288**") was enacted during the 2018 legislative session to amend the Act such that pursuant to Section 10(f) transfers the ability to re-designate enterprise zones from the Board of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (the "**IEDC**") to the fiscal bodies of the municipalities where Urban Enterprise Associations (the "**UEAs**") have been previously designated, renewed, re-designated, and are located.

**WHEREAS,** The fiscal bodies are authorized to re-designate an enterprise zone for a period of no more than five (5) additional years, unless the applicable enterprise zone was renewed by the IEDC Board between January 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Under HEA 1288 (2018), amended the Act, the powers that are currently delegated to the IEDC for administering and overseeing the enterprise zone program, including disqualifying zone businesses and modifying enterprise zone boundaries, are transferred to the local UEAs for their respective enterprise zone such that the ability to collect administrative fees (the 1% currently paid to the IEDC) from the zone businesses is transferred from the IEDC to the local UEAs, as included in the 36% Participation Fee.

**WHEREAS,** The Common Council now desires to take action pursuant to HEA 1288 and the Act, as amended to extend the sunset date of the Zone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana, that the sunset date of the Zone be extended an additional five (5) years pursuant to HEA 1288 (2018).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the new and extended sunset date for the Zone will be **December 31, 2029**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participation Fees for the HUEA is re-confirmed and will be as follows: 35% for the HUEA Participation Fee and a 1% Registration/Administration Fee that was originally paid to the IEDC, which is now paid to the HUEA, **a total Participation Fee of 36%.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall have full force and effect on December 31, 2024 and thereafter its passage by the City Common Council, signing by the President thereof and approval by the Mayor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution upon execution be submitted to the Office of the Auditor for Lake County, Indiana as its approval of the Zone extension through December 31, 2029.

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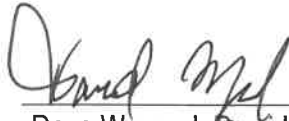
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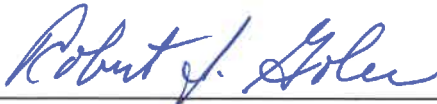
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HAMMOND COMMON COUNCIL



Dave Woerpel, President  
Common Council

ATTEST:



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana.

**PRESENTED BY ME**, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond to the Mayor of said City  
for his approval on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

The foregoing Resolution No. R09 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages,  
including this page was Approved by the Mayor on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.



Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor  
City of Hammond, Indiana

**PASSED** by the City of Hammond Common Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025  
and Approved by the Mayor on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk