



RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT ESTABLISHING, AMENDING, AND REAUTHORIZING THE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR USE IN THE DISTRICT'S TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT AND/OR REDEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE DISTRICT AND FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

WHEREAS the Orange County Drainage District (the "District") desires to promote and encourage the continued development and establishment of economic growth within Orange County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS the District is authorized to enter into Tax Abatement Agreements as authorized by Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Code (the "Code"); and,

WHEREAS, the District has determined that it shall become eligible to participate in tax abatements; and,

WHEREAS, the District desires to participate in tax abatement for creation, retention, and diversification of job opportunities in Orange County, Texas, new construction and for the expansion or modernization of buildings and structures, tangible personal property as defined by the Code, including fixed machinery and equipment, which is likely to contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment or to attract major investment in the reinvestment or enterprise zones that will be a benefit to Orange County, Texas and to the District, and which will contribute to the economic development within Orange County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the Code requires the District to establish guidelines and criteria for tax abatement agreements, which will be effective for two (2) years; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District established and renewed the guidelines and criteria for tax abatement agreements and for the designation of reinvestment zones attached hereto and entitled **Orange County Drainage District Uniform Commercial Tax Abatement Policy (2025-2027)** (the "Guidelines and Criteria") at its meeting, held on January 14, 2025, after proper notice and in accordance with Texas law; and,

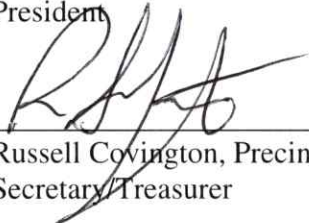
WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Drainage District affirmatively finds that the Guidelines and Criteria are: (1) in the best interests of the District, (2) are for the good and will benefit the public, (3) are for a valid governmental purpose, and (4) will serve as an economic development tool of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DISTRICT:

1. **Adoption of Recitals.** The District finds that the recitals set forth above are incorporated herein for all purposes and are found to be true and correct.
2. **Election to Become Eligible to Participate in Tax Abatement.** The District hereby elects to become eligible to participate in tax abatement.
3. **Guidelines and Criteria Established and Renewed.** The District hereby establishes and adopts the guidelines and criteria for tax abatement agreements set forth in the **Orange County Drainage District Uniform Tax Abatement Policy (2025-2027)**, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" ("Guidelines and Criteria"). The District affirmatively finds that the Guidelines are in the best interest of the District, are for the good of and will benefit the public, and are for a valid governmental purpose and will serve as an economic development tool of Orange County and of the District.
4. **Compliance with Statutory Notice Requirements.** The District affirmatively finds and determines that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.
5. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.



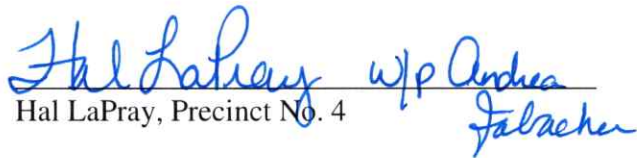
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