

CITY OF LAMPASAS ORDINANCE NO. 1511

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of LAMPASAS, Texas, ordaining the City's participation in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program, pursuant to the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Chapter 2303, Texas Government Code, providing tax incentives, designating a liaison for communication with interested parties, and nominating **AJINOMOTO WINDSOR, INC.** to the Governor OF TEXAS' OFFICE OF Economic Development & Tourism, through the Economic Development Bank, as a TEXAS Enterprise Project.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of **LAMPASAS**, Texas (the "City") desires to create the proper economic, business, community and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in severely distressed areas of the city of Lampasas and to provide for employment to residents of such area in Lampasas; and

WHEREAS, the Project and/or activity that is the subject of this Ordinance is not located in an area in Lampasas designated as an enterprise zone; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act, **AJINOMOTO WINDSOR, INC.** has applied to the City for designation as an Texas Enterprise Project through the Texas Office of Development & Tourism ("EDT"), and the Economic Development Bank ("Bank"); and

WHEREAS, after careful evaluation and consideration, the City finds that **AJINOMOTO WINDSOR, INC.** meets the criteria for tax relief and other incentives adopted by the City on criteria, including, but not limited to, the grounds that it will be located at the qualified business site, will create a higher level of employment, and will enhance economic activity and stability in that area of Lampasas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lampasas published notice of a public hearing on this Project before the Council to be held on February 27, 2017, at the Council Chambers, in the Lampasas Dispatch, which was published on February 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Lampasas convened and held a public hearing to consider and take public input on the Project and its benefits to the Lampasas community and evaluate its qualification for tax relief and other incentives, and the potential passage of this Ordinance on February 27, 2017.

WHEREAS, after closing the public hearing, considering the public input and comments by staff and the applicant, if any, and discussing the matter at the dais, the City Council of Lampasas took the action shown below.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS, THAT:

- Section 1: The City of Lampasas, Texas hereby nominates **AJINOMOTO WINDSOR, INC.** to the for Texas Enterprise Project status (i.e. jumbo project status).
- Section 2: The following local incentives, at the election of the City Council, which is the municipal governing body, are or will be made available to the nominated Project and/or activity of **AJINOMOTO WINDSOR, INC.**'s business, as determined appropriate:

- a) The City may abate taxes on the increase in value of real property improvements and eligible personal property that locate in a designated enterprise zone. The level of abatement shall be based upon the extent to which the business receiving the abatement creates jobs for qualified employees, in accordance with the City of Lampasas Tax Abatement Policy, and with qualified employee being defined by the Act.
- b) The City may provide regulatory relief to businesses, including:
 - 1) zoning changes or variances;
 - 2) exemptions from unnecessary building code requirements, impact fees, or inspection fees; or
 - 3) streamlined permitting.
- c) The City may provide enhanced municipal services to businesses, including:
 - 1) improved police and fire protection; or
 - 2) institution of community crime prevention programs.
- d) The City may provide improvements in community facilities, including:
 - 1) capital improvements in water and sewer facilities;
 - 2) road repair; or
 - 3) creation or improvement of parks.
- e) The City may provide business and industrial development services, including:
 - 1) low-interest loans for business;
 - 2) use of surplus school buildings or other underutilized publicly owned facilities as small business incubators;
 - 3) provision of publicly owned land for development purposes, including residential, commercial, or industrial development;
 - 4) creation of special one-stop permitting and problem resolution centers or ombudsmen; or
 - 5) promotion and marketing services.
- g) The City may provide job training and employment services to businesses, including:
 - 1) retraining programs;
 - 2) literacy and employment skills programs;
 - 3) vocational education; or
 - 4) customized job training.

Section 3: The Enterprise Zone areas located within the City of Lampasas are reinvestment zones in accordance with the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312, *et seq.*

Section 4: The Lampasas City Council directs and designates its City Manager to act as the City's liaison to communicate and negotiate with the EDT through the Bank and to oversee zone activities and communications with qualified businesses and other entities located in an enterprise zone in the City or affected by an Enterprise Project designation.

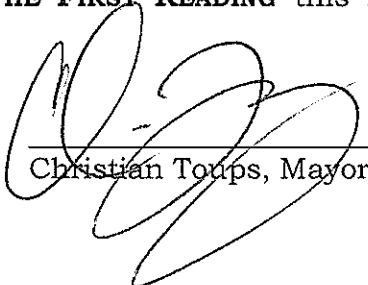
Section 5: After consideration and evaluation, the City finds that **AJINOMOTO WINDSOR, INC.** meets the criteria for designation as an Enterprise Project, under Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act, on the following grounds:

- (a.) **AJINOMOTO WINDSOR, INC.** is a “qualified business” under Section 2303.402 of the Act, inasmuch as it will be engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business at a qualified business site within the City of Lampasas’ jurisdiction, located outside of an enterprise zone and at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the business’ new employees will be residents of an enterprise zone or economically disadvantaged individuals; and
- (b.) There has been and will continue to be a high level of cooperation between public, private, and neighborhood entities in the area of the Enterprise Project; and
- (c.) The designation of **AJINOMOTO WINDSOR, INC.** as an Enterprise Project will contribute significantly to the achievement of the plans of the City for development and revitalization of the Lampasas Project area.

Section 6: The Enterprise Project shall take effect on the date of designation of the Enterprise Project by EDT, and terminate on five (5) years from date of that designation by the EDT.

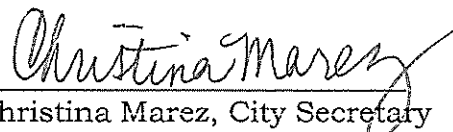
Section 7: This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its first reading, and shall be read at two separate meetings as required by the City’s Home Rule Charter.

PASSED AND EFFECTIVE ON THE FIRST READING this 27th day of February, 2017.



Christian Toups, Mayor

Attest:



Christina Marez, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jo-Christy Brown, City Attorney
[Signature of Attorney Provided on Separate Page, to be Attached]