

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, ORDAINING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (ACT), PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES, DESIGNATING A LIAISON FOR COMMUNICATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES, AND NOMINATING KILLAM DEVELOPMENT, LTD. PROJECT IGNITE TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM (EDT) THROUGH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (BANK) AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT (PROJECT).

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

WHEREAS, the project or activity is/is not *[choose one]* located in an area designated as an enterprise zone; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act, **NAMEOFPROJECT** has applied to the City for designation as an enterprise project; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that **KILLAM DEVELOPMENT, LTD PROJECT IGNITE** meets the criteria for tax relief and other incentives adopted by the City on the grounds that it will be located at the qualified business site, will create a higher level of employment, economic activity and stability; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is in full compliance with Chapter 2303, Texas Government Code prior to nomination of an eligible business;

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider this ordinance was held by the City Council on **May 5th, 2025**;

Now, therefore be it ordained by the city council of the city of NAMEOFCITY, Texas that:

Section 1: The City nominates **KILLAM DEVELOPMENT, LTD. PROJECT IGNITE** for enterprise project status.

Section 2: The following local incentives, at the election of the governing body, are or will be made available to the nominated project or activity of the qualified business:

- 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 **LAREDO, TEXAS** 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) waivers of impact fees, or inspection fees; or
 - 3) streamlined permitting.
- c) 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.
- d) The City may provide improvements to housing, including:
 - 1) low-interest loans for housing rehabilitation, improvement, or new construction; or
 - 2) transfer of abandoned housing to individuals or community groups.
- e) The City may provide business and industrial development services, including:
 - 1) low-interest or zero-percent interest loans for small 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.
- f) The City may provide job training and employment services to businesses, including:
 - 1) retraining programs;
 - 2) workforce and skills development programs;
 - 3) literacy and employment skills programs;
 - 4) customized job training.
- g) Tax Increment Financing
- h) Freeport Exemption
- i) Foreign Trade Zone status
- j) Chapter 380 of the Texas Tax Code
- k) Neighborhood Empowerment Zone

Section 3: The enterprise zone areas within the City are reinvestment zones in accordance with the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312.

Section 4: The City of **LAREDO, TEXAS** City Council directs and designates its **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR** as the City's liaison to communicate and negotiate with the EDT through the Bank and enterprise project(s) and to oversee zone activities and communications with qualified businesses and other entities in an enterprise zone or affected by an enterprise project.

Section 5: The City finds that **KILLAM DEVELOPMENT LTD, PROJECT IGNITE** meets the criteria for designation as an enterprise project under Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act on the following grounds:

- (a.) **KILLAM DEVELOPMENT LTD, PROJECT IGNITE** is a “qualified business” under Section 2303.402 of the Act since it will be engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business at a qualified business site located in an enterprise zone in the governing body’s jurisdiction and at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the business’ new or retained employees will be residents of an Enterprise Zone, economically disadvantaged individuals, or veterans; and
- (a.) There has been and will continue to be a high level of cooperation between public, private, and neighborhood entities in the area; and
- (b.) The designation of **KILLAM DEVELOPMENT, LTD PROJECT IGNITE** as an enterprise project will contribute significantly to the achievement of the plans of the City for development and revitalization of the area.

Section 6: The enterprise project shall take effect on the date of designation of the enterprise project by EDT and terminate on **JUNE 6, 2030**.

Section 7: This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage as the law and charter in such case provides.

Passed and approved this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Passed and adopted this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

Victor D. Treviño, Mayor
Attest:

Mario I. Maldonado, Jr., City Secretary

Approved as to form:

Doanh "Zone" T. Nguyen, City Attorney