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#### A Resolution Adopting Chapter 312 Abatement Guidelines and Criteria

An economic development tool to attract new industry and to encourage the retention and development of existing businesses

Goal 1: Cultivate an Environment Conducive to Strong, Economic Development

# **Action Requested**

That City Council approve an ordinance **designating a commercial / industrial tax abatement reinvestment zone** under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.





# **Purpose of the Zone**

- Objective: To encourage businesses to locate or expand in a specific area by offering performance-based tax reductions or exemptions.
- **Definition:** Tax abatements involve reducing or waiving property taxes for businesses in the designated zone.
- **Scope:** Only businesses in the zone qualify for tax abatements.
- Approval Process: City Council must approve a Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreement for a business within the zone to receive a tax abatement.



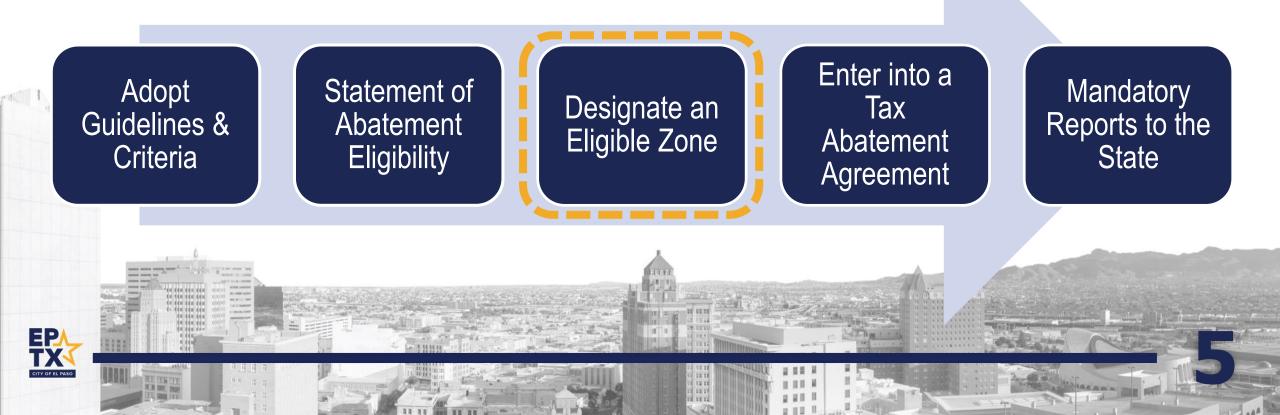
### **Abatement Benefits & Outcomes**

- Creates job opportunities
- Increases tax revenue
- Strengthens other businesses
- Tax receipts continue to grow long-term after agreement expires
- Provides a flexible economic development tool





#### **Tax Abatement Timeline**



# **Zone Designation & Operation**

A commercial / industrial abatement reinvestment zone can be placed on an area that:

- a) Contributes to the retention or expansion of primary employment; or
- b) Attracts major investment in the zone that would benefit the property included in the zone and would contribute to the economic development of the city.
- The Zone expires after five years and may be renewed for another five years each time it expires.
- Biennial reports are due to the State Comptroller and available to the public.



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