

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Airport

AGENDA DATE: July 7, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: David Panko, 915-212-0480

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 8

STRATEGIC GOAL: 1

Create an Environment Conducive to Strong Sustainable Economic Development

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

That the Director of Aviation or designee be authorized to submit a minor boundary modification application and all supporting documents and coordination with taxing entities for letters of support, to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones board, which will modify the boundaries of Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 to include the following parcel:

Legal description – N W BURDETTE SURV 2 ABST #11 1.741 ACRES BTW PAISANO &
DELTA W OF COLES E OF T & P R O W, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas,
commonly known as 1630 E. Paisano Drive, El Paso, Texas 79901.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

The City of El Paso has a grant authority to establish, operate, and maintain FTZ, De No. 68. It is known as the Grantee of FTZ No. 68, which is operated through the Aviation Department's FTZ Administrative office. The zone helps expedite and encourage foreign commerce in the El Paso region and desires to add these parcels into FTZ boundaries through a minor boundary modification process with the US Foreign Trade Zones Board, US Department of Commerce.

EPCOM (El Paso Communications, Inc.) is a worldwide leading distributor for Wireless and Security Systems with distribution centers throughout the United States, with this site located in El Paso, TX. They help companies with security products along with software configuration, provisioning, marketing material, technical support, training, certifications, and pre/post sale support. They are partnered with the most important distributors in Central and South America. They have a site in central El Paso and they plan to expand their operations by activating as an FTZ Distribution Site Operator in Foreign Trade Zone 68 to grow their business.

Attachment B shows the location of the parcel in relation to other Foreign Trade Zone boundaries. Attachment C shows the location of the parcel with its associated streets. (no attachment A)

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

The Council has approved Minor Boundary Modifications in the past for other companies and locations in the city of El Paso

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

Not applicable.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, as recipient of a grant of authority from the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones Board, is authorized to establish, operate, and maintain Foreign Trade Zone No. 68;

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, by and through its Department of Aviation, established and owns, operates, and maintains Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 in order to expedite and encourage foreign commerce in the El Paso region;

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso desires to submit a minor boundary modification for Subzone designation application to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Board to modify the boundaries of Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 to include a new site which will be used primarily for distribution operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso desires the minor boundary modification for Subzone designation application be subject to the activation limit under the traditional site framework.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Director of Aviation or designee be authorized to submit a minor boundary modification for Subzone designation application, including all supporting documents and coordinate with taxing entities for letters of support, to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Board, which will modify the boundaries of Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 to include the following:

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APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Josette Flores
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Samuel Rodriguez, P.E.
Director of Aviation



David R. Panko,
Foreign Trade Zone Manager

**FTZ Minor Boundary Modification – EPCOM (El Paso
Communications, Inc.)
Executive Summary**

The proposed Resolution is to authorize that the Director of Aviation or designee be authorized to submit a minor boundary modification application, including all supporting documents and coordination with taxing entities for letters of support, to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Board, which will modify the boundaries of Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 to include the following:

**Adding N W BURDETTE SURV 2 ABST #11 1.741 ACRES BTW PAISANO &
DELTA W OF COLES E OF T & P R O W, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas,
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Foreign Trade Zone 68 currently has 3448 acres designated as FTZ authorized land in the City of El Paso. These are parcels of land that are strategically located throughout El Paso covering industrial parks and stand-alone facilities.

The Minor Boundary Modification will add this parcel of land to the FTZ designated boundaries for the City of El Paso. This location is not currently in the FTZ 68 designated boundaries, so we will submit a standard Minor Boundary Modification to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board, US Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C, for their approval. This parcel is located in El Paso City (District 8), El Paso County (Precinct 2), El Paso Community College (District 4), and the El Paso Independent School District (District 1).

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The Minor Boundary Modification is a standard process for the City of El Paso and the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to keep the FTZ designated boundaries viable for industry, trade, and commerce. We have performed this process multiple times over the past few years.

Once the El Paso City Council approves the minor boundary modification, we will secure supporting letters from each taxing entity and US Customs and Border Protection, and application made to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board in Washington, D.C. for final approval to modify the FTZ 68 boundaries. The taxing entities are the City of El Paso (approved via this Resolution), El Paso County, El Paso Community College, and the El Paso Independent School District.

Attachment B - Parcel to be added (red-lined) 1630 E. Paisano Drive (1.741 acres)



June 23, 2021

- Override 1 ForeignTradeZone
- ▣ Subzone
- ▣ FTZ General-Purpose
- International Bridges

0 0.13 0.25 0.5 ml
0 0.2 0.4 0.8 km

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Attachment C - Parcel to be added (red-lined) 1630 E. Paisano Drive (1.741 acres)

