



The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

Resolution R3 - 2013 *Designation of Enterprise Zones*

WHEREAS, Maryland's Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Program is a joint effort between the State and local governments to provide tax incentives to businesses and property-owners located in economically distressed communities; and

WHEREAS, the Cecil County Enterprise Zone is set to expire on December 14, 2013 thus eliminating an important economic development tool for the Town of Elkton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Elkton desires to have the current zone re-designated and expanded to allow existing businesses in the Town and prospective new businesses to utilize these incentives for an additional 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the application will include additional sites in Elkton; and

WHEREAS, the primary benefits to businesses that are located within an Enterprise Zone are eligibility for local property tax credits and State income tax credits; and

WHEREAS, eligible businesses in an enterprise zone may claim a ten-year credit against local real property taxes on a portion of real property improvements. The credit is 80 percent of the assessment increase during the first five years. The credit then decreases 10 percent annually thereafter to 30 percent in the tenth year; and

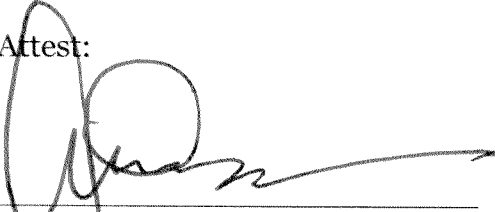
WHEREAS, eligible businesses in an enterprise zone may claim one-year or three-year credits for wages paid to new employees in new positions. The general credit is a one-time \$1,000 credit per new worker. For economically disadvantaged employees, the credit increases to a total of \$6,000 per worker distributed over three years. Businesses claim the enterprise zone income tax credits on the 500CR form when they submit their business or individual income tax returns to the Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, the Enterprise Zone is an important incentive for the Town to access to encourage existing businesses to expand and attracting new businesses to locate within the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Elkton is in support of this application to re-designate and expand the Town of Elkton Enterprise Zone for 10 years.

READ AND PASSED THIS 3rd DAY OF APRIL 2013

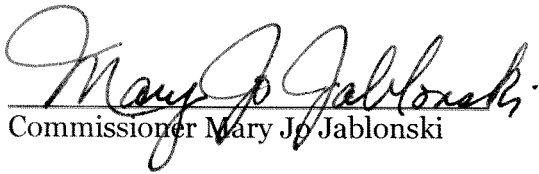
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Lewis H. George, Town Administrator

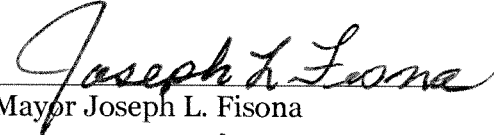


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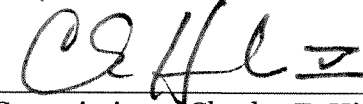


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