

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing Sue Martin)
to Sign an Extended Enterprise) Resolution No. 46 -2013
Zone Agreement with Cascades Tissue Group-)
Oregon, a division of Cascades Holdings Inc.)

WHEREAS, Columbia County, together with the City of St. Helens, the City of Scappoose, the Port of St. Helens, and the City of Columbia City, is a Zone Sponsor of the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone (“Enterprise Zone”); and

WHEREAS, Cascades Tissue Group-Oregon, a division of Cascades Holdings Inc., (the “Firm”) wishes to expand its business operations on industrial property located within the Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 285C.175(2)(b), property of an authorized business firm is exempt from ad valorem property taxation if (a) the property is qualified property under ORS 285C.180; (b) the firm meets the qualifications under ORS 285C.200; and the firm has entered into a first source hiring agreement under ORS 285C.215; and

WHEREAS, information provided by the Columbia County Economic Team indicates that the Firm will be an authorized business firm pursuant to ORS 285C.200, the property will qualify under ORS 285C.180 for the initial property tax exemption, and the Firm will enter into a first source hiring agreement pursuant to ORS 285C.215; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 285C.175, the property may be exempt from property taxation for up to two additional tax years if authorized by a written agreement entered into by the Firm and the zone sponsors under ORS 285C.160; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 285C.160(3)(B), the written agreement may include any additional requirement that a sponsor may reasonably request; and

WHEREAS, the Firm has proposed making contributions to the Columbia County Economic Team, Columbia Learning Center, Columbia Humane Society, Columbia Pacific Food Bank, Columbia County Rider Transportation, Columbia River Fire & Rescue Volunteer Firefighter Association, Columbia County Schools, South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, St. Helens Economic Development Corporation, St. Helens Community Foundation, St. Helens Arts and Cultural Commission, St. Helens Police Reserve Program, St. Helens Senior Center, Columbia County Women's Resource Center and the Amani Center, as additional reasonable requirements; and

WHEREAS, Sue Martin, is the Zone Manager for the Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, Sue Martin is in the process of negotiating an agreement with the Firm to exempt the Firm from property taxes for an additional two tax years; and

WHEREAS, the County agrees that the Firm, is a good addition to the job market in Columbia

County, and that the purpose of the Enterprise Zone is to attract companies that provide family wage jobs for our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The County authorizes Sue Martin to negotiate and sign on behalf of Columbia County, an agreement with the Firm pursuant to ORS 285C.160, granting an additional two years of tax exemption, provided that the Firm is eligible for Enterprise Zone extended benefits pursuant to ORS Chapter 285C, and provided that the agreement includes the following as additional requirements:

The Firm shall make the following contributions each year for five (5) consecutive years:

1. \$5000 - Columbia County Economic Team;
2. \$1,000- Columbia Learning Center;
3. \$1,000- Columbia Humane Society;
4. \$1500- Columbia Pacific Food Bank;
5. \$1500- Columbia County Rider Transportation;
6. \$1500- CRF&R Volunteer Firefighter Association;
7. \$3000- Columbia County Schools;
8. \$2,000- South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce;
9. \$2,000- St. Helens Economic Development Corporation;
10. \$1,000- St. Helens Arts and Cultural Commission;
11. \$1,500- St. Helens Police Reserve Program;
12. \$1,000- St. Helens Senior Center;
13. \$1,000- Columbia County Women's Resource Center;
14. \$1,000- Amani Center.

DATED this 18th of September, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Henry Hemmuller, Chair

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: _____

Office of County Counsel