

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Amending the Columbia)
County Local Incentives for the St. Helens/) Ordinance No. 2002-06
Columbia City Enterprise Zone)

The Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 2002-06.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to ORS 285B.656, 285B.671, and 203.045.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Columbia County's local incentives offered in the St. Helens/Columbia City Enterprise Zone to place a cap of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) on the fifty percent (50%) permit fee reduction.

SECTION 4. HISTORY.

Columbia County is a co-sponsor of the St. Helens/Columbia City Enterprise Zone, establishing local tax and permit fee relief in the area of the Enterprise Zone. In addition to regulatory assistance offered to qualifying businesses, the County has a local incentive which allows a fifty percent (50%) reduction in permit fees paid to the County. Because of the economic hardship to the County caused by this local incentive, on February 6, 2002, the Board of County Commissioners requested approval from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department for an amendment of the local incentives, to place a cap of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on the fifty percent (50%) permit fee reduction offered in the St. Helens/Columbia City Enterprise Zone. The State Community Solutions office approved of the amendment by letter dated May 22, 2002, which is attached hereto as Attachment 1, and is incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZATION.

1. Columbia County's St. Helens/Columbia City Enterprise Zone local incentive related to the fifty percent (50%) permit fee reduction is amended to place a cap of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) on the amount of the reduction of permit fees.

Example #1:

Normal Building Permit Fee:	\$20,000
Capped Fee Reduction	\$10,000
Permit Fee Payable	\$10,000
Permit Fee Reduction Percentage	50%

Example #2:

Normal Building Permit Fee:	\$200,000
Capped Fee Reduction	\$10,000
Permit Fee Payable	\$190,000
Permit Fee Reduction Percentage	5%

- The Department of Land Development Services is authorized to reduce permit fees by fifty percent (50%) up to a maximum reduction amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.

This ordinance being immediately necessary to maintain the public health, safety and welfare, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

DATED this 14th day of August, 2002.

Approved as to Form

By: Sarah Teague
Office of County Counsel

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]
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Recording Secretary [Signature]

By: [Signature]
Commissioner

First Reading: August 14, 2002
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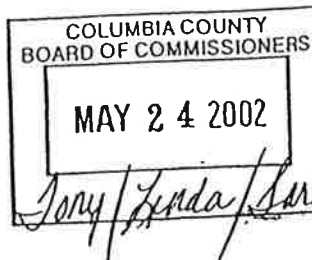
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Dear County Commissioners:

The Northwest Community Solutions Team, along with the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department's Northwest Team has reviewed your letter dated February 6, 2002, requesting that Columbia County adjust a local benefit to the Enterprise Zones in the County.

Currently, Columbia County offers a 50% reduction in all permit fees to companies locating in an Enterprise Zone. Due to the high costs incurred by the County when siting large companies into the Enterprise Zones, the county wishes to cap this benefit at \$10,000.

We understand the request and feel that this is an appropriate and prudent decision. The \$10,000 benefit will still encourage small and medium sized businesses, while not detracting from large companies, as they will still benefit from the tax abatements.

The Enterprise Zone program is intended to help companies and communities. We support Columbia County's change in the local enterprise benefits.

Sincerely,

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Pete Dalke, Chair
NW Community Solutions Team

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Joan Rutledge, NW Team Manager
Oregon Economic and Community
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