



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Andy Quittner, City Attorney
Date: April 23, 2018
Subject: Ordinance Establishing Reinvestment Zone

Before the City can offer a tax abatement to a qualified business, the business must be located in a Reinvestment Zone established in compliance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. City staff has received an abatement request from a company seeking to upgrade their facilities to be more competitive in the marketplace.

In order to consider the abatement request, a Reinvestment Zone must be established. In looking at the area, staff is recommending increasing the size of the Reinvestment Zone to include other economically underutilized property. Increasing the size of the zone gives the Economic Development Department another tool to use in marketing business opportunities by streamlining the process (but any abatement or other agreement will still need to be approved by the Council).