

Overview of the Tax Phase-In Incentive

Based on Policies in the City of Brenham and Washington County, Texas

Definition:

- Tax Phase-In means the partial, temporary exemption from property taxes, with the purpose of stimulating economic development.
- Only ad valorem property taxes are eligible, and only on certain qualifying property. Brenham Independent School District and Blinn College taxes are to be paid in full at all times.

Guidelines and Criteria:

- In order to be eligible for tax phase-in, the planned improvement must be an authorized facility, such as a(n):
 - *Agriculture/Aquaculture Facility
 - *Distribution Center
 - *Manufacturing Facility
 - *Research Facility
 - *Other Basic Industry [as defined in Glossary-Section XII (o)]
- The project must add new value to the tax roll of eligible property.
- Within the first year and throughout the phase-in period, the applicant must maintain or create a minimum of ten (10) jobs at an average base salary of \$33,000/year, or higher, including any benefits.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** A facility is eligible for tax phase-in if it has applied for the incentive before construction begins, and it meets the complete guidelines and criteria under the Tax Phase-In Policy.
- Tax Phase-In may be granted for new or existing facilities.
- Eligible property for tax phase-in may include the value of buildings, structure, fixed machinery and equipment.

- Property that is not eligible for the tax phase-in incentives include:
 - *land
 - *animals
 - *inventories
 - *supplies
 - *tools
 - *furnishings and other forms of moveable personal property
 - *vehicles
 - *vessels
 - *aircraft
 - *housing or residential property (except for property owners in a Downtown Zone)
 - *hotels/motels
 - *fauna
 - *flora
 - *retail facilities (except for property owners in a Downtown Zone)
 - *deferred maintenance investments
 - *improvements by the generation or transmission of electrical energy not wholly consumer by a new facility or expansion
 - *any improvements including those to produce, store or distribute natural gas or fluids that are integral to the operation of the facility
 - *property owned or used by the State of Texas or its political subdivisions or by any organization owned, operated or directed by a political subdivision of the State of Texas.

Application:

- Any present or potential owner of taxable property in the City of Brenham and/or Washington County may request the creation of a Reinvestment Zone and Tax Phase-In Incentive by filing a written request with the Brenham City Manager and/or Washington County Judge.
- After the receipt of the application, the county will make a decision within 90 days. The decision-making process may involve an economic impact study, plus city council and county commissioner's court meetings.
- If accepted, the business receiving tax phase-in will be required to provide a sworn statement and documents, verifying compliance each year. Failure to provide the required documents shall result in termination of the Tax Phase-In agreement.

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EXHIBIT "A"
TAX PHASE-IN INCENTIVE SCHEDULES

Applicants may receive property Tax Phase-In incentive according to the schedules in Tables 1 and 2, depending on their combination of property value creation and job creation/retention.

TABLE 1 (earns 50% of incentive)

1A - Property Improvements by an Existing Local Business

Level	Amount of Valuation of Eligible Improvements as determined by the Tax Appraisal District:		Percent of property tax to be abated each year									
	From	To	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	\$ 150,000	\$1,000,000	45	40	30	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	\$1,000,001	\$2,500,000	45	45	40	30	20	0	0	0	0	0
3	\$2,500,001	\$4,000,000	45	45	45	40	30	20	0	0	0	0
4	\$4,000,001	\$5,500,000	45	45	45	45	40	30	20	0	0	0
5	More than	\$5,500,000	45	45	45	45	45	40	30	20	0	0

1B - Property Improvements by a New Business

Level	Amount of Valuation of Eligible Improvements as determined by the Tax Appraisal District:		Percent of property tax to be abated each year									
	From	To	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	\$ 300,000	\$1,000,000	45	40	30	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	\$1,000,001	\$2,500,000	45	45	40	30	20	0	0	0	0	0
3	\$2,500,001	\$4,000,000	45	45	45	40	30	20	0	0	0	0
4	\$4,000,001	\$5,500,000	45	45	45	45	40	30	20	0	0	0
5	More than	\$5,500,000	45	45	45	45	45	40	30	20	0	0

TABLE 2 (earns 50% of incentive)

2 - Jobs Created & Retained - by Existing Businesses or New/Relocating Businesses

Level	The number of new and/or retained full-time employees with an average salary level of \$33,000+/year including benefits averaged during the twelve calendar months prior to the tax assessment date of January 1:		Percent of property tax to be abated each year									
	From	To	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	10	19	45	40	30	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	20	29	45	45	40	30	20	0	0	0	0	0
3	30	39	45	45	45	40	30	20	0	0	0	0
4	40	49	45	45	45	45	40	30	20	0	0	0
5	50 and more		45	45	45	45	45	40	30	20	0	0

TABLE 3 Downtown Zone

Amount of valuation of
downtown reinvestment
determined by tax appraisal:

Percent of property tax to be abated each year

Valuation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$ 50,000 to \$150,000	90	90	90	60	40	20	0	0
\$150,001 to \$250,000	90	90	90	90	60	40	20	0
\$250,001 and beyond	90	90	90	90	90	60	40	20

EXHIBIT B
MAP OF DOWNTOWN ZONE

