## City of St. Helens RESOLUTION NO. 1822

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS AUTHORIZING RE-DESIGNATION OF THE SOUTH COLUMBIA COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE

**WHEREAS**, the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone has six (6) co-sponsors, the City of St. Helens, the City of Scappoose, the City of Columbia City, the City of Vernonia, the Port of St. Helens, and Columbia County offering economic incentives through property tax relief to businesses and industries providing capital investments resulting in job growth; and

**WHEREAS,** the Executive Director of the Columbia County Economic Team has been designated as manager of the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone; and

**WHEREAS,** the municipal corporations, school districts and special service districts within the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone that receive operating revenue through the levying of ad valorem taxes on real and personal property in any area of the Enterprise Zone were sent notice on April 11, 2018 and invited to a public meeting on May 8, 2018 regarding its designation, in order for the co-sponsoring governments to effectively consult with the other local taxing districts; and

**WHEREAS,** the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone has a total area of 14.349 square miles; it meets other statutory limitations on size and configuration, as shown in the Map which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

**WHEREAS,** the co-sponsors shall fulfill their duties and implement provisions under ORS 285C.105 or elsewhere in ORS Chapter 285C and related parts of Oregon Law, including but not limited to appointing a local enterprise zone manager, and to preparing a list or map of local, publically owned lands and buildings in this enterprise zone for purposes of ORS 285C.110; and

**WHEREAS**, designation of this enterprise zone does not grant or imply permission to develop land inside it without complying with jurisdictional zoning, regulatory and permitting processes and restrictions; nor does it indicate and intent to alter those processes or restrictions, except as otherwise done in accordance with Comprehensive Plans as acknowledged by the State of Oregon Land Conservation and Development (LCDC); and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of enterprise zone exemptions to businesses that operate hotels, motels or destination resorts would help diversify local economic activity and facilitate the expansion of accommodations for visitors, who in turn will spend time and money in the area for business, recreation or other purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the co-sponsors are interested in encouraging new business investment, job creation, higher incomes for local residents and greater diversity of economic activity; and

**WHEREAS,** the co-sponsors appreciate the impacts that the designated enterprise zone would have and the property tax exemptions that eligible firms might receive therein.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of St. Helens does hereby jointly, in cooperation with the other co-sponsors, re-designate the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone, the boundary and area of which are described in Exhibit A, and that the Executive Director of the Columbia County Economic Team shall be re-appointed as local zone manager for the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone, and that the Columbia County Economic Team (CCET) is authorized to submit documentation of this enterprise zone re-designation to Oregon Department of Business Development (OBDD) on behalf of the zone sponsors for purposes of a positive determination in favor under ORS 285C.074, and ORS 285C.070 election to permit hotels, motels or destination resorts as eligible, and that re-designation of this enterprise zone takes effect on July 1, 2018, or later as so stipulated by OBDD in its determination pursuant to any revision and resubmission of documentation,.

**Approved and adopted** by the City Council on June 20, 2018, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Locke, Carlson, Conn, Morten, Scholl

Nays:

None

Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

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