

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXPANSION
OF THE "HAGERSTOWN/WASHINGTON COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE"
BY JOINT APPLICATION OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY,
MARYLAND AND THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HAGERSTOWN**

RECITALS

Pursuant to Md. Code, Article 83A, Section 2-105(b); Title 5, Subtitle 4, Enterprise Zones; and COMAR 24.05.01.08, the State of Maryland has established a procedure for the expansion of enterprise zones.

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the "County") has decided that such an expansion is in the best interests of the residents of Washington County.

The County finds that enterprise zones can promote private capital investment and increase private employment opportunities.

The County and the Mayor and Council of the City of Hagerstown (the "City") submitted a joint application to the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development ("DBED") in 1992 for the establishment of an enterprise zone.

Certain property located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Hagerstown and in Washington County was designated as the "Hagerstown/Washington County Enterprise Zone" (the "Enterprise Zone") on December 14, 1992, which designation expired on December 14, 2002.

In October, 2002, the County and the City submitted a joint application to DBED for the redesignation of the Enterprise Zone, which designation was effective December 15, 2002 and remains in effect until December 14, 2012.

The objective of the expansion of the Enterprise Zone by joint application of the County and the City is to include parcels 557, 559, 560 of Wellers Alley. Currently, the parcels bordering Wellers Alley between North Prospect Street and Jonathan Street in Hagerstown are in the Enterprise Zone with the exception of parcels 557, 559, 560. The designation period for the expansion area of the zone runs simultaneously with the period of the current zone designation and expires at the same time as the current zone designation.

The County is prepared to take all actions necessary and legal to support the joint application for expansion of the Enterprise Zone.

The County, in addition to supporting the joint application with the City for the expansion of the Enterprise Zone within the corporate boundaries of the City of Hagerstown and in Washington County, desires to give the land located in said Enterprise Zone all rights and

advantages accruing to land located in an Enterprise Zone established by the Annotated Code of Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, that it fully supports the expansion of the Enterprise Zone on property located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Hagerstown and in Washington County and more fully described on a map prepared by the Hagerstown-Washington County Economic Development Commission, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, authorizes the application for expansion to the State of Maryland jointly with the City, giving said land located in said Enterprise Zone all rights and privileges accruing to land located in the Enterprise Zone under the provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

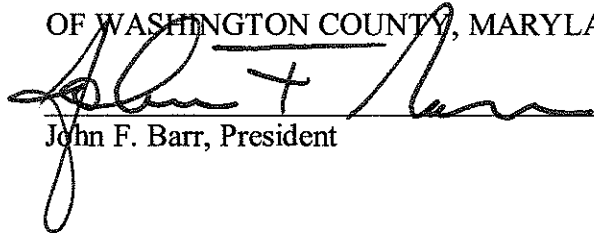
Adopted this 9th day of September 2008.

ATTEST:



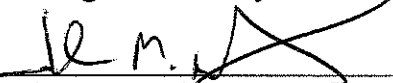
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