

ORDINANCE 2018-O-22

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A POLICY STATEMENT EXPRESSING A COMMITMENT TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS ENTITIES AND THE HIRING OF INDIVIDUALS DEFINED AS MINORITIES, WOMEN AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WITHIN THE ZION BENTON ENTERPRISE ZONE.

WHEREAS, the City of Zion, the Village of Beach Park and the Village of Winthrop Harbor (collectively the "Municipalities"), bodies politic organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, each have areas within their respective legal boundaries within the Zion Benton Enterprise Zone, upon certification by the State of Illinois, that are economically distressed. Said areas have a disproportionate number of residents who have suffered pervasive poverty, unemployment, and economic distress related to prolonged economic transformation, shifts of industries throughout the region, and a variety of other factors; and

WHEREAS, these factors have negatively affected areas that would benefit from private sector investments with an Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities seek approval and certification of the Zion Benton Enterprise Zone (hereafter referred to as "the Zone") by the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Businesses who are owned by minorities, women and persons with disabilities, as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.) shall be encouraged to participate within the Enterprise Zone incentive program to benefit them as business owners; and

WHEREAS, Businesses using the Zone benefits will be encouraged to hire individuals who are minority persons, women and persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Businesses using the Zone benefits will be encouraged to utilize other businesses that are minority-owned, women-owned, or owned by persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipalities as follows:

Section 1. Creation of a Policy Statement for Development - The Municipalities hereby establish the Enterprise Zone Policy Statement that expresses a desire for the commitment from Businesses within the Zone to encourage the development of business entities owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et. seq.); and

Section 2. Creation of a Policy Statement for Hiring - the Municipalities hereby establish the Enterprises Zone policy statement that expresses a desire and commitment from businesses to promote the hiring of individuals who are minority persons, women, and persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et. seq.); and

Section 3. Creation of a Policy Statement for Using Other Businesses - the Municipalities hereby establish the Enterprises Zone policy statement that expresses a desire and commitment from businesses to promote the utilization of other businesses that are minority-owned, women-owned, or owned by persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.); and

Section 4. Creation of a Database - The Zone will create a database and list of local businesses that are owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.). This information will be used as a matchmaking tool for Zone participants to diversify their subcontracting.

Section 5. Publish and Distribute Promotional Materials – The Zone will publish a brochure that will be provided to business owners within the Zone that explains the benefits of utilizing businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.).

Section 6. Conduct Promotional Activities – The Zone will conduct at least one public meeting each year to describe the Zone benefits for businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.).

Section 7. Incorporate Promotional Statement – The Zone will provide a statement on project applications, promotional materials, and Zone publications that the Zone encourages the use of businesses owned by and the hiring of minorities, women, and people with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.).

Section 8. Establish the Minority, Women and Persons with Disabilities Advocate – The Zone will create the position of Minority, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Advocate to promote participation of firms and persons defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et. seq.).

Section 9. Establish Participation Goals – The Zone will establish annual goals and measurements of participation of firms and persons defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et. seq.) to determine the effectiveness of these efforts and how they might be revised to optimize their impact.

Section 10. Incorporate Affidavits from Zone Participants – The Zone will request that business applicants for Zone benefits submit a signed Affidavit about their efforts to promote and incorporate participation of firms and persons defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS575/0.01, et. seq.).

Effective date: This Ordinance shall be in effect upon the designation and certification of the Zion Benton Enterprise Zone by the State of Illinois.

Approved and adopted this 4th of December, 2018.

Signature of Chief Elected Official

Dr. Michael Bruno, Mayor

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Date

Attest: _____
Julie Rittenhouse, Village Clerk