

ORDINANCE NO. 3439

DEC - 3 2018

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE
WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA

Darlynn Stoffle
City Clerk

**SAID ENTERPRISE ZONE IS WITHIN RANDOLPH AND MONROE COUNTIES
ENCOMPASSING CONTIGUOUS PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF RED BUD, THE CITY
OF CHESTER, THE CITY OF SPARTA, THE VILLAGE OF EVANSVILLE, THE CITY
OF COLUMBIA, THE CITY OF WATERLOO, AND THE VILLAGE OF VALMEYER**

WHEREAS, the following Ordinance is adopted based upon the following premises, to-wit;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 20 ILCS 655/1 et. seq. (formerly Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, Ch. 67 1/2, Section 601 et. seq.) (the "Act"), the State of Illinois authorized the creation of enterprise zones together with certain incentive programs; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the City of Columbia, Illinois ("the City") will create the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone, which includes certain real estate located in the County of Monroe, Illinois ("Monroe County") and the County of Randolph, Illinois ("Randolph County"), (the "Counties"), and in the City, the City of Red Bud, Illinois ("Red Bud"), the City of Chester, Illinois ("Chester"), the Village of Evansville, Illinois ("Evansville"), the City of Sparta, Illinois ("Sparta"), the City of Waterloo, Illinois ("Waterloo"), and the Village of Valmeyer, Illinois ("Valmeyer"), (the "Municipalities"); and,

WHEREAS, in connection with the creation of the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone, the Counties and Municipalities will adopt certain retail sales tax exemption incentives and other incentives authorized under the Act to promote economic growth, encourage economic development, create and retain jobs, and reduce unemployment in the area of the Counties and Municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, a disproportionate number of residents within the Counties and Municipalities, for several years, have suffered pervasive poverty, unemployment and economic distress related to the prolonged national recession, shifts of industries throughout the Counties and Municipalities, and a variety of other economic factors negatively affecting the areas of the Counties and Municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone will accomplish, in part, the public purpose of promoting economic growth of the community and protecting the health, safety and welfare of the community by encouraging public and private investment, promoting job creation and job retention, and conserving the health, safety and welfare of the community; and,

WHEREAS, certain areas in the City need the particular attention of government, business and labor to attract private sector investments and directly aid the entire region and the residents thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the members of this duly constituted legislative body are cognizant of the distressed conditions existing within this area and desire to alleviate these

distressed conditions, to pursue the public purpose of promoting economic and employment growth of the community, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia has indicated their willingness and desire to cooperate with the Counties and the Municipalities in designating portions of their Municipalities as well as unincorporated areas in the Counties as an Enterprise Zone; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Act 97-905, the State of Illinois amended the Act to provide for the creation of enterprise zones, and in connection therewith, the Municipalities and the Counties may apply with and obtain designation from the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (the "Department" or "DCEO") to establish an Enterprise Zone encompassing parts of the unincorporated areas of the Counties and parts of the Municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to this Ordinance and similar Ordinances adopted by each Municipality and County, the Municipalities and the Counties authorize the filing of an application with the Department to designate, enact and create the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone (hereinafter referred to as the "Enterprise Zone Application") under the provisions of the Act to create the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone (the "Enterprise Zone") to include certain real estate within the Counties and the Municipalities for the purpose of encouraging economic development, job creation and job retention in the region, and to conserve the health, safety and welfare of the community, said real estate as shown on the map attached as Exhibit B (the "Enterprise Zone Area"); and,

WHEREAS, the City hereby finds that the creation of the Enterprise Zone as set forth herein is necessary for the continued economic growth and job creation of the region and is necessary to promote and conserve the public health, safety and welfare of the region; and,

WHEREAS, the City finds that the designation of the Enterprise Zone pursuant to the Act and this Ordinance depend upon community support, cooperation and the offering of the benefits of the Enterprise Zone; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipalities and the Counties are each authorized pursuant to Article VII, Section 10 of the Illinois Constitution, and pursuant to the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et. seq., to enter into agreements for the joint exercise of powers, privileges and authorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1: Incorporation:

(a) **Findings:** The findings and recitals made in the prefatory portion of this Ordinance are hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Columbia.

(b) **Public Notice:** Proper publication of legal notice of public hearing for the purpose of considering the enactment of this Ordinance and the designation of the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone as set forth herein as required by the Act

was properly and legally made and is hereby certified as set forth by the attached Certificate of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A.

(c) Public Hearing: Following due and sufficient legal notice, the Municipalities and the Counties held a public hearing as required by the Act at 6:00 PM on the 25th day of October, 2018, at the Council Chambers at Red Bud City Hall, 200 E. Market St., Red Bud, Illinois, which is located within the boundaries of the Enterprise Zone.

SECTION 2: Establishment of Enterprise Zone: Subject to the certification and approval of the Department, the Municipalities and the Counties, in a joint exercise of their powers pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act do hereby establish an enterprise zone under the Act encompassing the Enterprise Zone Area, as legally described in Exhibit C.

SECTION 3: Designation of Enterprise Zone: The Enterprise Zone Area described in Exhibits B and C is hereby designated as the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone, subject to the certification and approval of the Department.

SECTION 4: Declarations to the Department: The City hereby declares and further certifies that:

- (a) The Enterprise Zone Area is qualified for designation as an enterprise zone pursuant to the Act; and,
- (b) Pursuant to 20 ILCS 655/4 (a) & (e), the Enterprise Zone Area is a contiguous area comprised of parts of the incorporated areas of the Municipalities and parts of the unincorporated areas of the Counties, and is bound by a solid, clearly-defined, continuous boundary, provided, however, that the Enterprise Zone Area may exclude wholly surrounded territory within its boundaries; and,
- (c) Pursuant to 20 ILCS 655/4 (b), the Enterprise Zone Area comprises a minimum of one-half (1/2) square mile and not more than fifteen (15) square miles in total area, and any connecting strips are not less than three (3) feet nor more than ten (10) feet in width; and,
- (d) The Enterprise Zone Area addresses a reasonable need to encompass portions of the Municipalities and the Counties; and,
- (e) The Enterprise Zone Area meets the requirements of 20 ILCS 655/4 (f) in that the Enterprise Zone Area satisfies at least three (3) of the ten (10) criteria established by the Department as set forth in Exhibit D.

SECTION 5: Term: Pursuant to the Act and subject to the certification of the Department, the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone shall be and become effective for a period of fifteen (15) calendar years beginning on January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2034, unless sooner rescinded or as otherwise amended, on the date that the Enterprise Zone Area is designated an enterprise zone by the Department in accordance with law.

SECTION 6: Enterprise Zone Management Organization: Upon designation as an enterprise zone by the Department, a Management Organization comprised of the Chief Elected Officials (or their appointed representative) of Red Bud, Chester, Sparta, Evansville, Columbia, Waterloo, and Valmeyer, and the Chairmen of the County Boards

(or their appointed representative) of Randolph and Monroe Counties will be formed. This Management Organization will be the governing body of the Enterprise Zone and will be responsible for all decisions within the Enterprise Zone. The County Board Chairman (or his/her appointed representative) of the County of Monroe will serve as Chairman of the Management Organization. Any operating costs incurred by an entity represented in the Enterprise Zone Management Organization shall be the sole responsibility of County in which that entity is located. Operating costs incurred by Red Bud, Chester, Sparta, Evansville, and Randolph County will be the sole responsibility of Randolph County. Operating costs incurred by Columbia, Waterloo, Valmeyer, and Monroe County will be the sole responsibility of Monroe County. Any changes made to the Enterprise Zone including the selection of the Enterprise Zone Administrator must be approved by a six-ninths (6/9) vote of the members of the Enterprise Zone Management Organization. The Zone Administrator will be the individual who will be responsible for the day-to-day implementations within the Enterprise Zone and will be the liaison between the Management Organization, the Economic Development Committee and DCEO.

SECTION 7: Enterprise Zone Administrator: The position of "Zone Administrator" is hereby created. Upon designation as an enterprise zone by the Department, the Management Organization shall appoint an administrator for the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone (the "Zone Administrator") who shall be an employee or officer of either Monroe or Randolph County. Compensation (if any) shall be set by the Enterprise Zone Management Organization. The Zone Administrator shall be responsible for the administration of the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone, including; the implementation of this Ordinance and compliance with the Act and applicable laws, regulations and policies of the Department; shall have those powers and duties as set forth in the Act; and shall:

- (a) Supervise the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement and the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act.
- (b) Act as a liaison between the Municipalities, the Counties, the Department, the Illinois Department of Revenue (the "IDOR"), designated zone organizations, and other state, federal and local agencies, whether public or private.
- (c) Conduct an ongoing evaluation of the Enterprise Zone program and submit such evaluative reports on at least an annual basis to the Management Organization.
- (d) Promote the coordination of other relevant programs, including, but not limited to, housing, community and economic development, small business, financial assistance and employment training within the Enterprise Zone.
- (e) Have the authority to appoint personnel as appropriate to assure the smooth operation of the Enterprise Zone subject to approval by the Management Organization.
- (f) Develop and recommend a comprehensive planning program for the Enterprise

Zone.

- (g) Establish and chair an Economic Development Committee that will serve as the primary technical and professional vehicle for triggering the implementation of the Enterprise Zone program objectives.
- (h) Examine and recommend local incentives, benefits and programs to accomplish stated objectives, to stimulate economic activity in the Enterprise Zone and to address impediments to capital investments.
- (i) Develop and analyze social, physical and economic data regarding population trends; labor force; land use patterns; size, type, capacity and status of existing commercial, industrial and manufacturing facilities within the Enterprise Zone; infrastructure availability and condition, and other factors pertaining to community planning; and recommend planning-related actions.
- (j) Recommend necessary legislative and administrative controls for guiding Enterprise Zone development, including planned capital improvements.
- (k) Review supportive planning studies and reports to insure technical proficiency.
- (l) Coordinate planning activities and program implementation with other county and/or city or village departments and department programs.
- (m) Collect and analyze data and submit reports required by the Department on a timely basis.
- (n) Act as program manager responsible for the Enterprise Zone's day-to-day operations.
- (o) Have other such duties as specified by the Management Organization.

The Zone Administrator shall be responsible for the duties and tasks listed above. To accomplish these duties and tasks, the Zone Administrator, with the approval of the Management Organization, may appoint an Assistant Zone Administrator, and may receive technical and professional support from professionals as approved by the Management Organization. The operating costs of the Zone Administrator shall be paid by County in which the project costs have originated. Operating costs for projects and tasks initiated by Red Bud, Chester, Sparta, Evansville, and Randolph County will be the sole responsibility of Randolph County. Operating costs for projects and tasks initiated by Columbia, Waterloo, Valmeyer, and Monroe County will be the sole responsibility of Monroe County.

To recoup these costs, and pursuant to Illinois Public Act 97-905, Enterprise Zones are permitted to collect fees for sales tax abatement certificates that are issued to project applicants within designated enterprise zones. The Zone Administrator is hereby authorized to charge no more than 0.5% of the cost of building materials of any project

associated with the Enterprise Zone, with a maximum fee of no more than \$50,000. By April 1 of each year, the Zone Administrator shall file a copy of its fee schedule with the Department, and the Department shall review and approve the fee schedule.

1. City of Columbia/ Waterloo/Village of Valmeyer/ Monroe County Administration: Any and all reporting, administration, management and operational duties, obligations or costs arising out of or connected with the property located in Monroe County that is included in the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone shall be the sole responsibility of the County of Monroe.

2. City of Chester/ Red Bud/ Sparta/ Evansville/ Randolph County Administration: Any and all reporting, administration, management and operational duties, obligations or costs arising out of or connected with the property located in Randolph County that is included in the Monroe-Randolph County Enterprise Zone Area shall be the sole responsibility of the County of Randolph.

The County of Randolph, the City of Chester, the City of Red Bud, the City of Sparta, and the Village of Evansville and the County of Monroe, the City of Columbia/ Waterloo/Village of Valmeyer shall provide to the Monroe-Randolph County Zone Administrator any and all documents, reports or information relating to the reporting, administration, management and operational duties, obligations or costs arising out of or connected with the property located in their respective county that is included in the Enterprise Zone area upon request.

Any and all documents, reports or information required under applicable law to be filed with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (the "DCEO") or other agency of the State of Illinois for the operation and maintenance of the Enterprise Zone Area shall be prepared by the respective county or municipality, and actually filed with the DCEO through the Monroe-Randolph County Zone Administrator, who shall, as necessary, recompile all necessary information into a single report for filing with the DCEO.

In connection therewith, the County of Monroe or the County of Randolph may appoint, at the sole expense of the respective county, an Assistant Zone Administrator to assist their county and its municipalities in the reporting requirements as outlined above and other administrative needs of the respective county as they may arise.

SECTION 8: Incentives:

(a) **State Enterprise Zone Incentives:** The City authorizes the utilization of any and all state incentives, tax exemptions and other inducements authorized under applicable Illinois law, the Act and/or the rules and regulations of the Department or other applicable state agency by and for all commercial, industrial and manufacturing projects with a total cost exceeding \$10,000.00 located within the Enterprise Zone Area. This authorization does not apply to the rights of local taxing districts to approve

property tax abatement.

(b) Sales Tax: Each retailer in Illinois who makes a sale of building materials to be permanently affixed and incorporated into real estate located within the Enterprise Zone Area, as amended from time to time, by remodeling, reconstruction or new construction may deduct receipts from such sales when calculating the retail sales tax imposed by the State of Illinois under and pursuant to the Illinois Retailer's Occupation Tax Act. The deduction allowed hereby shall be limited to and shall only apply to any remodeling, rehabilitation or new construction of a qualified commercial, industrial or manufacturing project with a total cost exceeding \$10,000.00 which complies with the following conditions:

1. The claimant must obtain an Applicant I.D. Number from the IDOR website www.tax.illinois.gov.
2. The claimant must file with the Zone Administrator the following information on the form provided by the Zone Administrator:
 - a. the name and address of the contractor(s), subcontractor or other entity(s);
 - b. the name and number of the enterprise zone;
 - c. the name and location or address of the building project in the enterprise zone;
 - d. the estimated amount of the exemption for the claimant or claimant's contractor, subcontractor or other entity for which a request for Exemption Certificate is made, based on a stated estimated average tax rate and the percentage of the contract that consists of building materials;
 - e. the period of time over which building materials for the project are expected to be purchased; and,
 - f. other reasonable information as the Zone Administrator may require.
3. The Zone Administrator will then request (by providing the above information on the IDOR website) IDOR to issue an Enterprise Zone Building Materials Exemption Certificate for the claimant or claimant's contractor, subcontractor or other entity identified by the Zone Administrator.
4. IDOR shall issue the Enterprise Zone Building Materials Exemption Certificate directly to the claimant or claimant's contractor, subcontractor or other entity. IDOR shall also provide the Zone Administrator with a copy of each Exemption Certificate issued. This Exemption Certificate is the evidence from IDOR that the Exemption is applicable and secures the Exemption and related tax incentive savings to the claimant.
5. As to each vendor or seller of the building materials, the claimant or claimant's contractor, subcontractor or other entity must provide to the vendor/seller of the building material a completed IDOR Form EZ-1 containing the following information:
 - a. a statement that the building materials are being purchased for incorporation into real estate located in an Illinois enterprise zone;

- b. the location or address of the real estate into which the building materials will be incorporated;
 - c. the name of the enterprise zone in which that real estate is located;
 - d. a description of the building materials being purchased;
 - e. the purchaser's Enterprise Zone Building Materials Exemption Certificate number issued by IDOR;
 - f. the purchaser's signature and date of purchase.
6. IDOR may deny any entity the Enterprise Zone Building Materials Exemption Certificate if such entity owes any tax liability to the State of Illinois.

SECTION 9: Minority Participation: The City will 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 encourage all businesses in the hiring of individuals defined as "minority person", "woman" and "person with disability", as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.). Some of the efforts to encourage development and hiring practices will be the following:

1. Advertising the Enterprise Zone benefits to developers and businesses especially in those areas where distress is more common;
2. Changing the Enterprise Zone Application to have those developers and businesses who take advantage of the program certify that they will encourage minority participation in all hiring practices;
3. Ensure that any municipality, engineer, architect, consultant, contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or any other person affiliated with an Enterprise Zone project performed under an application will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or receipt of benefits because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status (persons with children 18 years of age, including pregnant women), disability, and also to persons with special needs, sexual orientation or gender identity on any Enterprise Zone incentive project; Those that do will have Zone benefits removed.

SECTION 10: Intergovernmental Agreement: The Mayor of the City of Columbia and the City Clerk of the City of Columbia shall have and are hereby given authority to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Red Bud, the City of Chester, the City of Sparta, the Village of Evansville, the City of Columbia, the City of Waterloo, the Village of Valmeyer, the County of Monroe, and the County of Randolph which will indicate their willingness and desire to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program and which will set out the criteria for cooperation, participation and management of said Enterprise Zone.

SECTION 11: Ordinance: This Ordinance and each and every provision hereof shall be considered separable and the invalidity of any section, clause, paragraph, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall take effect, as indicated in Section 5, above, following its passage, approval, recording, and publication as may be required according to law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Columbia, State of Illinois, this 3rd day of December, 2018.

YEAS: Aldermen Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp and Martens.

NAYS: None.

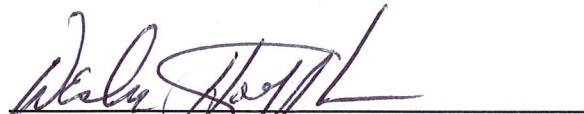
ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Alderman Ebersohl.



Kevin B. Hutchinson, Mayor
City of Columbia

ATTEST:



Wesley J. Hoeffken, City Clerk
City of Columbia

EXHIBIT A

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION
OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**



Official Certificate of Publication as Required by State Law and IPA By-Laws

CERTIFICATE OF THE PUBLISHER

Willis Publishing, Inc. certifies that it is the publisher of the County Journal. County Journal is a secular newspaper, has been continuously published weekly for more than fifty (50) weeks prior to the first publication of the attached notice, is published in the Village of Percy, County of Randolph, Township of Percy, State of Illinois, is of general circulation throughout that county and surrounding area, and is a newspaper as defined by 715 ILCS 5/5.

A notice, a true copy of which is attached, was published one time(s) in the County Journal, namely one time per week for one successive week(s). The first publication of the notice was made in the newspaper, dated and published on the 18th day of October, 2018 and the last publication of the notice was made in the newspaper dated and published on the 18th day of October, 2018. The notice was also placed on a statewide public notice website as required by 715 ILCS 5/2.1.

In witness, Willis Publishing has signed this certificate by Larry Willis, its publisher, at Percy, Illinois, on the 19th day of October, 2018.

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By: Larry Willis

NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING

Printer's Fee \$ 116.00

Randolph Co. Board of
Commissioners
#1 Taylor St.
Chester, IL 62233

CountyJournal 

1101 E. Pine St.
P.O.Box 369
Percy, IL 62272
618.497.8272

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Communities of THE CITY OF RED BUD, THE CITY OF CHESTER, THE CITY OF SPARTA, THE VILLAGE OF EVANSVILLE, THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, THE CITY OF WATERLOO, THE VILLAGE OF VALMEYER, THE COUNTY OF RANDOLPH, AND THE COUNTY OF MONROE to apply for an Enterprise Zone designation, pursuant to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, 20 ILCS 655/1 et seq., to be awarded by the state of Illinois in 2019.

Public Notice is hereby given that the Communities of Red Bud, Chester, Sparta, Evansville, Columbia, Waterloo, Valmeyer, the County of Randolph, and the County of Monroe, Illinois, will hold a public hearing on the 25th day of October, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Council Chambers at Red Bud City Hall, 200 E. Market St., Red Bud, Illinois. The reason for the hearing will be to identify the purpose of the proposed zone, describe the boundaries of the zone, and identify the local plans, tax incentives and other information that would be established in the event that the State of Illinois awards an Enterprise Zone designation to the aforementioned consortium of communities.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to present both written and/or oral comments and testimony regarding the proposed Enterprise Zone. For additional information regarding the proposed Monroe/Randolph Enterprise Zone, contact Edie Koch, Monroe County Economic Development Corporation 618-939-8681 ext. 309 or Chris Martin at Randolph County Economic Development 618-826-5000 ext. 221.

By order of the Communities of Red Bud, Chester, Sparta, Evansville, Columbia, Waterloo, Valmeyer, the County of Randolph, and the County of Monroe, Illinois.

Dated the 17th Day of
October, 2018

Dave Holder

Randolph County Board,
Illinois Bob Elmage
Monroe County Board, Illinois
(10/17)



Official Certificate of Publication as Required by State Law and IPA By-Laws

Certificate of the Publisher

Republic-Times LLC certifies that it is the publisher of the Republic-Times. Republic-Times is a secular newspaper, has been continuously published weekly for more than fifty (50) weeks prior to the first publication of the attached notice, is published in the City/Village of Waterloo, County of Monroe, State of Illinois, is of general circulation throughout that county and surrounding area, and is a newspaper as defined by 715 ILCS 5/5.

A notice, a true copy of which is attached, was published 1 times in the Republic-Times, namely one time per week for 1 successive weeks. The first publication of the notice was made in the newspaper, dated and published on 10/17/18, and the last publication of the notice was made in the newspaper dated and published on 10/17/18. The notice was also placed on a statewide public notice website as required by 715 ILCS 5/2.1.

In witness, the Republic-Times has signed this certificate by Kermit Constantine, its publisher, at Waterloo, Illinois, on 10/15/18.

Republic-Times LLC

By: A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber Vogl".

Kermit Constantine/acv
Publisher

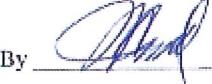
(Note: Unless otherwise ordered, notarization of this document is not required.)

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF MONROE) ss.

This is to certify that the undersigned John Conrad is the president and publisher of The Monroe County Independent, a public and English secular newspaper of general circulation, which has been regularly published in the County of Monroe and State of Illinois, for at least one year prior to the publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned, and that a notice of which the annexed is a true printed copy, has been published in said newspaper once, the publication thereof having been made to the issue of said newspaper, published on Oct. 19, 2018 and that the face of the type of said notice was the same or comparable to that used in the classified advertising in the issue of said newspaper in which publication was made.

John Conrad
President and Publisher

By  _____ John Conrad

Printer's fee

\$ 322.50

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Communities of THE CITY OF RED BUD, THE CITY OF CHESTER, THE CITY OF SPARTA, THE VILLAGE OF EVANSVILLE, THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, THE CITY OF WATERLOO, THE VILLAGE OF VALMEYER, THE COUNTY OF RANDOLPH, AND THE COUNTY OF MONROE to apply for an Enterprise Zone designation, pursuant to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, 20 ILCS 655/1 et seq., to be awarded by the state of Illinois in 2019. Public Notice is hereby given that the Communities of Red Bud, Chester, Sparta, Evansville, Columbia, Waterloo, Valmeyer, the City of Waterloo, the Village of Waterloo, and the County of Monroe will hold a public hearing on the 25th day of October, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Council Chambers at Red Bud City Hall, 200 E. Market St., Red Bud, Illinois. The reason for the hearing will be to identify the purpose of the proposed zone, describe the boundaries of the zone, and identify the local planned tax incentives and other information that would be established in the event that the State of Illinois awards an Enterprise Zone designation to the aforementioned consortium of communities.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to present both written and/or oral comments and testimony regarding the proposed Enterprise Zone.

For additional information regarding the proposed Monroe/Randolph Enterprise Zone, contact Eddie Koch, Monroe County Board of Commissioners, 618-939-6861 ext. 309 or Chris Martin at Randolph County Economic Development 618-826-5000 ext. 221.

By order of the Communities of Red Bud, Chester, Sparta, Evansville, Columbia, Waterloo, Valmeyer, the County of Randolph, and the County of Monroe, Illinois.

Dated the 10th day of October, 2018

Dave Holder, Randolph County Board, Illinois

Bob Elmore, Monroe County Board, Illinois

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Official Certificate of Publication

as Required by State Law
and IPA By-Laws



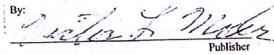
CERTIFICATE OF THE PUBLISHER

NORTH COUNTY NEWS, INC. certifies that it is the publisher of the NORTH COUNTY NEWS. NORTH COUNTY NEWS is a secular newspaper, has been continuously published weekly for more than fifty (50) weeks prior to the first publication of the attached notice, is published in the City of Red Bud, County of Randolph, State of Illinois, is of general circulation throughout the county and surrounding area, and is a newspaper as defined by 715 ILCS 5/2.

A notice, a true copy of which is attached, was published 1 times in NORTH COUNTY NEWS, namely one time per week for 1 successive weeks. The first publication of the notice was made in the newspaper, dated and published on 10/18/18, and the last publication of the notice was made in the newspaper dated and published on 10/18/18. The notice was also placed on a statewide public notice website as required by 715 ILCS 5/2.

In witness, the NORTH COUNTY NEWS has signed this certificate by VICTOR L. MOHR, its publisher, at Red Bud, Illinois, on 10/18/18.

NORTH COUNTY NEWS

By: 
Publisher

The attached notice relates to the matter of:

Enterprise Zone designation

Randolph County Board of Commissioners

Printer's fees: \$ 51.06

EXHIBIT B ENTERPRISE ZONE MAP



EXHIBIT C
ENTERPRISE ZONE
Legal Boundary Description

EXHIBIT D

ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION FOR NEW DESIGNATION

Qualifying Criteria

Required Tests: The Area Must Meet at Least Three of the Following Tests

- 1) **Unemployment:** All or part of the local labor market area has had an annual average unemployment rate of at least 120% of the State's annual average unemployment rate for the most recent calendar year or the most recent fiscal year as reported by the Department of Employment Security.
- 2) **Substantial Employment Opportunities:** Designation will result in the development of substantial employment opportunities by creating or retaining a minimum aggregate of 1,000 full-time equivalent jobs due to an aggregate investment of \$100,000,000 or more, and will help alleviate the effects of poverty and unemployment within the local labor market area.
- 3) **Poverty:** All or part of the local labor market area has a poverty rate of at least 20% according to the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 50% or more of children in the local labor market area are eligible to participate in the federal free or reduced-price meals program according to reported statistics from the State Board of Education, or 20% or more households in the local labor market area receive food stamps according to the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau.
- 4) **Abandoned Coal Mine, Brownfield or Federal Disaster Area:** An abandoned coal mine or a brownfield located in the proposed zone area, or all or a portion of the proposed zone was declared a federal disaster area in the 3 years preceding the date of application.
- 5) **Large Scale Business Closings:** The local labor market area contains a presence of large employers that have downsized over the years, labor market area has experienced plant closures in the 5 years prior to the date of application affecting more than 50 workers, or the local labor market area has experienced State or federal facility closures in the 5 years prior to the date of application affecting more than 50 workers.
- 6) **Vacant Structures:** Based on data from Multiple Listing information or other suitable sources, the local labor market area contains a high floor vacancy rate of industrial or commercial properties, vacant or demolished commercial and industrial structures are prevalent in the local labor market area, or industrial structures in the local labor market area are not used because of age, deterioration, relocation of the former occupants, or cessation of operation.
- 7) **Tax Base Improvement Plan:** The applicant demonstrates a substantial plan for using the designation to improve the State and local government tax base, including income, sales, and property taxes.
- 8) **Public Infrastructure Improvement Plan:** Significant public infrastructure is present in the local labor market area in addition to a plan for infrastructure development and improvement.
- 9) **Manufacturing Skills Programs:** High schools or community colleges located within the local labor market area are engaged in ACT Work Keys, Manufacturing Skills Standard Certification, or industry-based credentials that prepare students for careers.
- 10) **Equalized Assessed Valuation:** The increase (decrease) in equalized assessed valuation of industrial and/or commercial properties in the 5 years prior to the date of application in the local labor market area is equal to or less than (greater than) 50% of the State average increase (decrease) in equalized valuation for industrial and/or commercial properties, as applicable, for the same period of time as reported by the Illinois Department of Revenue.
- 11) **Minority, Women, and Persons with Disabilities** Encourage participation and hiring of minority, women and persons with disabilities. Establish policies.