

RESOLUTION NO 23-15

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING IRRIGON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT (IRFD) AND REQUESTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AND AREA OF INFLUENCE MAPPING

WHEREAS, the City of Irrigon provides a variety of services to the public; and

WHEREAS, The City of Irrigon City is charged with providing Public Services for the health and safety, and security, which is obtained through strong fiscal economic strength; and

WHEREAS, lands previously unavailable, mapped as CREZ (Columbia River Enterprise Zone) or Irrigon area of influence mapping is available for potential development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Irrigon and the unincorporated 97844 area are experiencing growth opportunities without solid and consistent economic industrial development; and

WHEREAS, the whole of Irrigon area including associated special districts lack constant tax base opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a previous letter was sent to Morrow County, POM (Port of Morrow), and the CDA (Columbia Development Authority), desiring inclusion and support for such economic development for the effected and impacted Irrigon entities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRRIGON THAT THE FOLLOWING IS DECLARED AND RESOLVED:

1. All CDA properties within Morrow County should be annexed into the IRFD district, to include all areas on the east side of Patterson Ferry from the Columbia River to I-84 and eastward to the Morrow County line.
2. That the formally Umatilla Army Depot properties, in Morrow County now CDA properties, be added to the CREZ mapping for potential industrial development siting.
3. Direct staff to work with the CREZ Board Sponsors and POM on increasing enterprise zone mapping locations in the Irrigon area for development siting opportunities.
4. Properties currently owned by the CDA to be added to the Irrigon Area of Influence as noted in the Intergovernmental Agreement with the CREZ III Board sponsors dated January 27, 2021. Such area of Influence to be modified and extended west beginning from I-84/US 730 and north to the Columbia River to align with other Irrigon special districts.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AND SIGNED ON THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

SIGNED:


Michelle Patton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Aaron Palmquist, City Manager