

There came on for consideration at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Aldermen and Mayor of the City of Long Beach held on the 3rd day of November, 2015, the following Ordinance, which was reduced in writing and presented in advance of the meeting for reading and examination:

ORDINANCE NO 614

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 582 ESTABLISHING DISTRICTS TO ENABLE UTILIZATION OF TAX EXEMPT PROVISIONS OF SECTION 17-21-5(1), MCA; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR UNIFORM PROCESSING OF QUALIFIED APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH TAX EXEMPTIONS EXCLUDING SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES; AND URGING THE HARRISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROVIDE SIMILAR EXEMPTIONS TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS;

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi has provided a mechanism to encourage the economic revitalization of certain areas of municipalities through the granting of ad valorem tax exemptions for the promotion of business and commerce; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Authorities have heretofore determined that there exist certain areas within the City of Long Beach which historically were the commerce area and which are in need of redevelopment following damage of destruction of most structures therein due to Hurricane Katrina, and which areas are facing economic hurdles to such redevelopment stemming from the economic after effects of that storm; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Authorities have heretofore determined that the current national economic climate has further impeded the economic growth and recovery of the City of Long Beach and resulting in additional areas that are in need of this incentive program; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Authorities have heretofore determined and established that all of the City could benefit from the implementation of this incentive program through ad valorem tax exemptions for the buildings with commercial uses within the designated geographic areas, which would in turn provide another wave of redevelopment and recovery in the city and assist the City in recovering from the national recession; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Authorities have heretofore determined that it

would be in the best interest of the City of Long Beach as a whole to encourage the economic revitalization of certain geographic areas and have adopted by Ordinance number 582, containing The City of Long Beach Economic Recovery and Redevelopment Plan (“the Plan”); and,

WHEREAS, in order to fairly and equitably implement the Plan and the contemplated tax abatement policies for buildings with commercial uses the City has determined that it should revise the previously established criteria adopted in the Plan to utilize in evaluation applications for exemption to determine whether they should be granted or denied, and to determine the appropriate duration for any exemption granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, that Ordinance number 582, and The City of Long Beach’s Economic Recovery and Redevelopment Plan as contained therein, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION ONE: Article IV, Section 4.2 of Ordinance Number 582, as previously amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.2 Tax exemptions granted by the Board of Alderman pursuant to this program shall be up for a period of up to seven (7) years, and for up to one hundred (100%) percent of the amount of the potential exemption. To qualify for this exemption an applicant must have obtained a building permit after January 1, 2010, and must receive a Certificate of Occupancy within thirty (30) months from the date of the issuance of the building permit. All applicants are required to file their applications for exemption within one year of the date of completion of the proposed improvements or renovations. The tax abatement program will terminate on January 1, 2018.

SECTION TWO: The Harrison County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to similarly amend its previously enacted tax exemption policies to reflect the changes those adopted by this ordinance.

SECTION THREE: All ordinances or parts thereof presently existing which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION FOUR: The sections of this Ordinance and the provisions hereunder are deemed separate and independent of each other, and if any section, sub-section, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance, or the application thereof, be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION FIVE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect within one month after its passage and shall be enrolled and published in the manner required by law.

The above and foregoing Ordinance having been introduced in writing, was first read and considered section by section and then as a whole.

Alderman Hammons made motion seconded Alderman Ponthieux to adopt the above and foregoing ordinance and, the question being put to a roll call vote by the Mayor, the result was as follows:

Alderman Bernie Parker	voted	Aye
Alderman Gary J. Ponthieux	voted	Aye
Alderman Kelly Griffin	voted	Absent, Not Voting
Alderman Alan Young	voted	Aye
Alderman Leonard G. Carrubba, Sr.	voted	Aye
Alderman Mark E. Lishen	voted	Absent, Not Voting
Alderman Ronnie Hammons, Jr.	voted	Aye

The question having received the majority vote by the Alderman present and voting, the Mayor declared the Motion carried and this Ordinance adopted and approved on this the 3rd day of November, 2015.

CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI

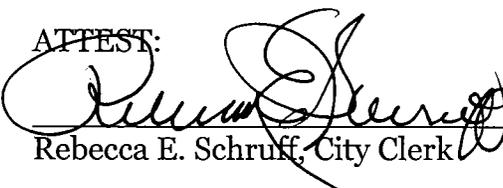
APPROVED:



William Skellie, Jr., Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Rebecca E. Schuff, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HARRISON
CITY OF LONG BEACH

I, the undersigned, Rebecca E. Schruoff, City Clerk within and for the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of that certain Ordinance Number 614, adopted by the Mayor and Board of Alderman at a regular meeting duly held and convened on November, 2015, as the same appears of record in my office at the City Hall in said City, in Ordinance Book Number 8, Pages 383-386, inclusive.

Given under my hand and the official seal of my office this the 4th day of November, 2015.

(SEAL)


Rebecca E. Schruoff, City Clerk