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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: There is a need to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Calgon Carbon Corporation, the employer of record and CCC Columbus LLC and BSC Columbus LLC, the property holders (collectively “Calgon Carbon”). The Ohio Enterprise Zone law O.R.C. Section 5709.62(C) requires the City to enter into a Council-approved agreement between the City and participating companies.

Calgon Carbon is a leader - nearly 75 years in production - in the activated carbon and reactivation industry for many liquid and vapor phase applications, with complementary expertise in ultraviolet disinfection and oxidation, ion exchange technology, and ballast water treatment.

Calgon Carbon is proposing to invest a total project cost of approximately \$3,000,000 in real property improvements and \$4,000,000 in machinery and equipment to renovate existing production and warehousing facilities consisting of approximately 12,000 sq. ft. located at 835 N. Cassady Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, parcel numbers 010-018750, 010-126708, 010-081911, 010-126789, 010-126713, 010-024781, 010-126704, 010-126783, and 010-132316 (“Project Site”). The company anticipates that the development of the proposed project will lead to the retention of 37 employees with an estimated annual payroll of approximately \$2,230,297 and the creation of 15 net new full-time permanent positions with an estimated new annual payroll of approximately \$716,706 at the proposed Project Site.

The Department of Development recommends a 65%/10-year Enterprise Zone tax abatement on real property improvements.

The Columbus City School District has been advised of this project. This legislation is presented as 30-day legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT: No Funding is required for this legislation.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Calgon Carbon Corporation, CCC Columbus LLC and BSC Columbus LLC for a tax abatement of sixty-five percent (65%) for a period of ten (10) consecutive years in consideration of a total proposed capital investment of approximately \$3,000,000.00 in real property improvements and \$4,000,000.00 in machinery and equipment and the retention of 37 employees with an estimated annual payroll of approximately \$2,230,297.00 and the creation of 15 net new full-time permanent positions with an estimated new annual payroll of approximately \$716,706.00.

WHEREAS, the Columbus City Council authorized the designation of the Central Enterprise Zone by legislation, Ordinance Number 779-85, dated April 22, 1985; and subsequently amended the Zone by Ordinance Nos. 2722-85 in 1986; 2080-89 in 1989; 1949-92, 2690-92 and 2249-92 in 1992; 1079-94 and 1228-94 in 1994; 2196-95 and 2817-95 in 1995; 0533-99 in 1999; 1785-00 in 2000; 1464-02 in 2002; 0225-03 in 2003; and 0032-2012 in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Development Department of the State of Ohio determined that the Columbus Enterprise Zone as amended by the aforementioned Ordinances continued to contain the characteristics set forth in Section 5709.61 (A) of the Ohio Revised and recertified said Zone in 1986, December 20, 1989, September 28, 1992, October 22, 1992, December 17, 1992, May 31, 1994, June 24, 1994, June 16, 1995, October 5, 1995, December 19, 1995, April 1, 1999, September 25, 2000, January 27, 2003, August 19, 2003 and most recently on April 3, 2012 as an “urban jobs and enterprise zone” under Chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Calgon Carbon is a leader in the activated carbon and reactivation industry, based in Moon Township, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Calgon Carbon Corporation, CCC Columbus LLC and BSC Columbus LLC are proposing to invest a total project cost of approximately \$7,200,000 including approximately \$3,000,000 in real property improvements and \$4,000,000 in machinery and equipment to renovate existing production and warehousing facilities consisting of approximately 12,000 sq. ft. located at 835 N. Cassady Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, parcel numbers 010-018750, 010-126708, 010-081911, 010-126789, 010-126713, 010-024781, 010-126704, 010-126783, and 010-132316 (“Project Site”).

WHEREAS, Calgon Carbon Corporation anticipates that the development of the proposed project will lead to the retention of 37 employees with an estimated annual payroll of approximately \$2,230,297 and the creation of 15 net new full-time permanent positions with an estimated new annual payroll of approximately \$716,706 at the proposed Project Site; and

WHEREAS, the City is encouraging this project because of plans to reinvest in a manufacturing and warehouse facility in the central city; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to increase employment opportunities and encourage the creation of new jobs in the City in order to improve the overall economic climate of the City and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter in such a binding formal agreement in order to foster economic growth for the preservation of public health, peace, property and safety; and **NOW, THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby finds and determines that the enterprise submitting the proposal is qualified by financial responsibility and business experience to create and preserve employment opportunities in the zone and improve the economic climate of the municipal corporation and receiving this tax incentive is a critical factor in the decision by Calgon Carbon Corporation, CCC Columbus LLC and BSC Columbus LLC to move forward with the proposed project.

SECTION 2. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Calgon Carbon Corporation, CCC Columbus LLC and BSC Columbus LLC to provide therewith an exemption of sixty-five percent (65%) on real property improvements for a term of ten (10) consecutive taxable years in association with the project’s proposed total investment of approximately \$7,200,000, including approximately \$3,000,000 in real property improvements, retention of 37 employees with an estimated annual payroll of approximately \$2,230,297 and the creation of 15 net new full-time permanent positions with an estimated new annual payroll of approximately \$716,706.

SECTION 3. That the City of Columbus Enterprise Zone Agreement is signed by Calgon Carbon Corporation, CCC Columbus LLC and BSC Columbus LLC within ninety (90) days of passage of this ordinance, or this ordinance and the abatements and credit authorized herein are null and void.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.