

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-04

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN  
ENTERPRISE ZONE

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, 20 ILCS 655/1 – 10 (the "Enterprise Zone Act" or the "Act") authorizes Illinois municipalities to designate, by ordinance, an area within its jurisdiction as an Enterprise Zone, subject to review by the Illinois State Enterprise Zone Board (the "Enterprise Zone Board");

**WHEREAS**, the area described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and made a part hereof, is the proposed Enterprise Zone (the "Proposed Zone") as submitted to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (the "DCEO") for acceptance and review;

**WHEREAS**, per the Act, the Proposed Zone is a contiguous area of not less than one half square mile or more than 12 square miles; being approximately 13.4 Square Miles;

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Zone is also located within the jurisdictions of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois ("City"), The Village of Waltonville, Illinois ("Waltonville"), and the County of Jefferson County, Illinois (the "County"); each of which shall be included in the Proposed Zone upon having approved separate designating ordinances of their own;

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Dix ("Dix") finds that the Proposed Zone meets the minimum criteria to be designated as an Enterprise Zone as per the Act;

**WHEREAS**, the City, Waltonville, Dix, and County shall enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (the "Agreement") outlining their mutual participation in the Proposed Zone;

**WHEREAS**, the Village, pursuant to the Act, has conducted at least one public hearing within the Proposed Zone area, with proper notice as required, to discuss the information as required by the Act, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to authorize real property tax abatement within the Proposed Zone, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18-170.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE OF DIX, IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, as follows:

- Section 1. The name of the Proposed Zone shall be the Mt. Vernon/Waltonville/Dix/Jefferson County Enterprise Zone (the "Zone").
- Section 2. The Zone shall be effective for a period of fifteen (15) years as per the Act, and shall be subject to review by the Enterprise Zone Board after thirteen (13) years to be considered for an additional ten (10) year extension.
- Section 3. Upon designation as an Enterprise Zone by the State of Illinois, a Designated Zone Organization (the "DZO") shall be formed. The DZO Board will be comprised of representatives of the Jefferson County Board, the Mayor of Mt. Vernon, the Village of Waltonville, and the Village of Dix. The DZO will be responsible for all decisions within the Zone. The members of the DZO Board will serve terms as set by their respective City, County, or Village as desired. The DZO may:

