## **RESOLUTION NO 2010-1**

## A RESULOTION OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY TO SPONSOR AN APPLICATION FOR THE SHERMAN COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of **Grass Valley** is sponsoring an application for designation of an enterprise zone in conjunction with Sherman County and the Cities of Rufus, Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley, and the Biggs Service District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grass Valley is interested in an enterprise zone to encourage new business investment, job creation, higher incomes for local residents and greater diversity of economic activity for the area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed zone has a total area of 3.15 square miles, and it meets other statutory limitations on size and configuration; it is depicted on the drawn -to-scale map and described in Exhibit 1. Zone boundaries are the city limits which also includes the urban growth boundary.

WHEREAS, the proposed enterprise zone contains significant land that is reserved for industrial use, as indicated by land use zoning maps with the application, consistent with Comprehensive Plan acknowledged by the Land Conservation and Development commission, such industrial sites are accessible, serviced or serviceable, and otherwise ready for use and further development.

WHEREAS, the designation of an enterprise zone does not grant or imply permission to develop land within the Zone without complying with prevailing zoning, regulatory and permitting processes and restrictions for applicable jurisdictions; nor does it indicate any intent to modify those processes or restrictions, except as otherwise in accordance with Comprehensive Plans; and

WHEREAS, the city appreciates the impacts that a designated enterprise zone would have and the property tax exemptions that eligible business firms might receive therein, as governed by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 285C and other provisions of Oregon Law; and

WHEREAS, all of the other municipalities corporations, school districts, special service districts and so forth, other than the sponsoring governments, that receive operating revenue through the levying of ad valorem taxes on real and personal property in any area of the proposed enterprise zone were sent notice and invited to a public meeting regarding this proposal, in order for these sponsoring governments to effectively consult with these other local taxing districts. Follow-up arrangements as agreed to with these consultations will be completed with affected districts within six months on the proposed enterprise zone's designation.

WHEREAS, the availability of enterprise zone exemptions to business firms that operate hotels, motels or destination resorts would help diversify local economic activity, provide useful employment for some segments of the labor force and facilitate the expansion of accommodations for visitors which in turn will spend time and money in the area for business, recreation or other purposes.

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The City of **Grass Valley** proposes and applies for designation of an Oregon Enterprise Zone to be named: The Sherman County Enterprise Zone and requests that the director of the Oregon business Development Department order the designation of this enterprise zone.

Georgia Macnab, Sherman County Planning Director is authorized to submit the application for the City of and to make any and all substantive or technical changes to the application materials, as necessary, after adoption of this resolution.

The City of **Grass Valley** will give priority to the use in the proposed zone, if designated, of any economic development or job training funds received from the federal government, consistent with ORS 285C.065(3)(d).

The City of **Grass Valley** commits upon designation to jointly appoint a local enterprise zone manager within 90 days.

The City of **Grass Valley** will jointly comply with the requirements and provisions of ORS 285C.105 and otherwise fulfill its duties under ORS 285c.250.

The City of **Grass Valley** will commit within six months of designation, to implement and to confirm for the department its fulfillment of such duties , as specified in OAR 123-065—0210, including but not limited for preparation of a list or map of local lands and buildings owned by the state or by municipal corporations within the enterprise zone that are not being used or designated for a public purpose and that have appropriate land use zoning, and to efforts for making such real property available for lease or purchase by authorized firms under ORS 285C.110.

The City of **Grass Valley** as a sponsor of the proposed Enterprise Zone jointly exercises its option herewith pursuant to ORS 285B.070 that qualified property of and operated by a qualified business firm as a hotel, motel or destination resort may receive a property tax exemption in the zone, and that such business firms are eligible for purposes of authorization upon the effective designation of the Zone.

ADOPTED by the City of Grass Valley this 1st day	of <u>March</u> , 2010
Miel Pattee, Mayor	Bonne Whitley
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Sharon Brewer	ATTEST: Carol VonBorstel, City Administrator

