

COURT ORDER

ORDER NO. 94 1178

DATE: JUL 26 1994

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 26th day of July, 1994, on motion made by John Wiley Price, Commissioner of District No. 3, and seconded by Chris V. Semos, Commissioner of District No. 4, the following Order was adopted:

WHEREAS, Foreign Trade Zones seek to promote economic development through the use of federal and local tax incentives;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Dallas County to establish a policy by which Foreign Trade Zone endorsement requests can be consistently and fairly reviewed;

WHEREAS, the attached policy has been developed and was briefed before the Dallas County Commissioners Court on July 19, 1994;

WHEREAS, in accordance with a January 23, 1990 Resolution from the Board of Managers of the Dallas County Hospital District, any tax incentive/economic development policy adopted by the Commissioners Court will also apply to the Hospital District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the attached Foreign Trade Zone Policy be adopted and that it shall govern the review of Foreign Trade Zone endorsement requests for both the Dallas County Commissioners Court and the Dallas County Hospital District.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 26th day of July, 1994.

Lee F. Jackson

Lee F. Jackson
County Judge

Jim Jackson

Jim Jackson
Commissioner, District #1

Nancy E. Judy

Nancy E. Judy
Commissioner, District #2

John Wiley Price

John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District #3

Chris V. Semos

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Commissioner, District #4

RECOMMENDED BY: *J. Allen Clemson*
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DALLAS COUNTY FOREIGN TRADE ZONE POLICY

I. INTRODUCTION

One of the factors that the U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Board takes into consideration when deciding whether to establish a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) is the degree to which the proposed zone is supported by local taxing entities. Since local government support is thus taken into consideration, Dallas County may be asked on occasion to endorse the creation of an FTZ in the Dallas area. So that the County can consistently review all such requests for FTZ endorsement, the following policy has been developed. It shall govern the submission and review of all FTZ endorsement requests received by the Dallas County Commissioners Court and the Dallas County Hospital District.

II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Dallas County and the Hospital District will consider supporting a request to establish an FTZ only when the following conditions are first met:

- (1) The request is made in writing;
- (2) The businesses that will be located within the zone certify that they are equal opportunity employers;
- (3) The proposed zone does not involve the relocation of an existing business from one Dallas County city to another unless the move has the formal approval of the original host city;
- (4) The proposed zone is formally supported by both the city and school district in which it is located; and
- (5) The proposed zone will, within three years, contain at least \$2.5 million of assessed personal property and employ 50 people on a full-time, permanent basis..

Meeting these requirements does not place the County or the Hospital District under any obligation to support an FTZ proposal; it only qualifies the proposal for further consideration.

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III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Requests for FTZ endorsement must be submitted in writing to Dallas County's Coordinator for Planning & Development, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75202. These requests must also be accompanied with the following information which will be used to evaluate the requests:

- (1) Name of FTZ applicant
- (2) Name, telephone number and address of contact person
- (3) Map showing location of zone
- (4) Name of businesses that will be located within zone
- (5) Description of business activity that will occur within zone
- (6) Description of financial and relocation histories of businesses that will be located within the zone
- (7) Explanation of why zone is needed
- (8) Explanation of why public will benefit from zone
- (9) Estimated start date for zone and any new investment/construction
- (10) Description of types/numbers/salary level of jobs to be created and/or retained
- (11) Estimated or actual assessed valuations for zone's real property and total personal property; discussion of whether these totals will increase as a result of the zone
- (12) Estimated amount (in dollars) of personal property assessment to be exempt from taxation
- (13) Identification of any environmental or displacement issues; discussion of how these issues will be satisfactorily resolved
- (14) Evidence of formal support from host city and school district

Besides the information outlined above, additional information may be requested by the County at a later date.

So as to help facilitate the review of any FTZ endorsement requests, applicants are encouraged to contact the County's Coordinator for Planning and Development at (214) 653-7601 as soon as possible.