RESOLUTION NO. 5408

RESOLUTION REDESIGNATING THE SOUTH SANTIAM ENTERPRISE ZONE

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is cosponsoring an application for redesignation of an enterprise zone with the City of Lebanon, City of Millersburg, and Linn County; and

WHEREAS, the cosponsors are interested in redesignation of the South Santiam Enterprise Zone to encourage new business investment, job creation, higher incomes for local residents, and greater diversity of economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed enterprise zone has a total area of 11.96 square miles, and it meets other statutory limitations on size and configuration and is depicted on the drawn-to-scale map (Exhibit A); and

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

WHEREAS, the redesignation of the 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 cosponsors appreciate the impacts that an 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 municipal 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 of the proposed enterprise zone's designation; and

WHEREAS, the South Santiam Enterprise Zone was originally designated in 1986; and in 1996, the zone was designated a second time. In 2000, 2001, and 2006, the zone boundaries were expanded. The reasons for the zone's original designation and second designation are still valid: lower per capital income of area residents, higher unemployment rates, higher percentage of residents below poverty level, and the area remains distressed; and

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 that the City of Albany proposes and applies for an Oregon enterprise zone to be named The South Santiam Enterprise Zone and requests that the director of the state Economic and Community Development Department order the redesignation of this enterprise zone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that John Pascone, AMEDC President, is authorized to submit the enterprise zone application for the cosponsors and to make any substantive or technical change to the application materials, as necessary, after adoption of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the cosponsors will give priority to the use in the proposed enterprise zone, if redesignated, of any economic development or job training funds received from the federal government, consistent with ORS 285C.065(3)(d); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cosponsors commit, upon designation, to jointly appoint local enterprise zone managers within 90 days; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cosponsors will comply with the requirements and provisions of ORS 285C.105 and to otherwise fulfill its duties under ORS 285C.050 to 285C.250; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cosponsors commit, within six months of redesignation, to implement and to confirm for the department its fulfillment of such duties, as specified in OAR 123-065-0210, including but not limited to 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 business firms under ORS 285C.110; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City as a sponsor of the proposed SOUTH SANTIAM Enterprise Zone exercises its option herewith under ORS 285C.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; this option does not apply within the following cosponsors jurisdiction: City of Albany and City of Millersburg

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DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 28TH DAY OF MARCH 2007.

