## RESOLUTION NO. 5645

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXTENDED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WAIVING EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS ON A SHORT-TERM EXEMPTION FOR INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST \$25 MILLION IN AN OREGON ENTERPRISE ZONE, BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALBANY, A COSPONSOR OF THE SOUTH SANTIAM ENTERPRISE ZONE AND WAH CHANG.

WHEREAS, Wah Chang is expanding and investing in plant construction and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Wah Chang intends to add 15 new employees; and

WHEREAS, Wah Chang anticipates providing average pay and benefits to these employees equal to or greater than 150 percent of the Linn County average, as required under ORS 285C.160; and

WHEREAS, Wah Chang, which is located in the city of Millersburg, has applied to extend the property tax abatement for which it qualifies through its inclusion in the South Santiam Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, Wah Chang intends to invest an estimated \$42 million in capital improvements or the Millersburg plant in Linn County, starting in August 2008; and

WHEREAS, Wah Chang has applied for authorization in the Enterprise Zone for the aforementioned investment; and

WHEREAS, under ORS 285C.155 and 285C.200(2), the enterprise zone sponsor may provide by resolution for authorization of an eligible business firm, such that it may qualify for the exemption on qualified property in the zone without increasing zone employment as normally required, if the firm's total investment in qualified property costs \$25 million or more, and it maintains a minimum number of full-time employees in the zone, as established by the zone sponsor, and it satisfies other reasonable requirements as the zone sponsor also may establish; and

WHEREAS, Wah Chang has 1,058 full-time employees throughout the South Santiam Enterprise Zone, as averaged over the past 12 months; and

WHEREAS, the City of Millersburg has requested support of this agreement from the other cosponsors of the South Santiam Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is a cosponsor of the South Santiam Enterprise Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Extended Abatement Agreement and Employment Waiver Agreement is hereby approved by the Albany City Council and that Wah Chang is hereby authorized to qualify in accordance with ORS 285C.200 for purposes of the exemption on qualified property under ORS 285C.175, provided that:

- 1. The investment at the Wah Chang Millersburg plant in qualified property, for which the exemption is claimed over one to five years, costs \$25 million or more in total; and
- 2. The number of full-time year-round employees of Wah Chang in the South Santiam Enterprise Zone is maintained at or above 1,000, on average, for each calendar year of the exemption period.

## DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2008.

Vau Bellou \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: