

**Memorandum
Community & Economic Development Department**



To: Thomas E. Thomas, City Manager
Subject: Extension of Enterprise Zone Termination Date
Date: April 2, 2014

The City of Rock Island's Enterprise Zone was created by ordinance in 1984. The original zone had a 10-year life span and encompassed approximately one square mile. In 2004, an amendment to the zone was passed to extend the life of the zone for another 20 years, ending December 31, 2014.

Over the past 15 years, the City's Enterprise Zone boundary has been expanded 16 times and now includes 4.6 miles or approximately 3,000 acres. This past year the zone boundary was expanded twice to support the Friendship Manor Villas project and to add property in the southwest business park area where the new FedEx distribution center will be located. Please reference the attached map that features the boundary of the Enterprise Zone.

The State of Illinois has adopted new regulations that require all 97 Enterprise Zones across the state to make application to continue with the program. This decision was first introduced in mid 2012 with the application process announced in the fall of 2013. For communities with Enterprise Zones expiring in 2014, the Illinois General Assembly amended the Enterprise Zone Act to allow for an automatic extension of the termination date to July 1, 2016. No application is required just the passing of an ordinance by the governing body that amends the original designation ordinance and extends the zone termination date to July 1, 2016.

During the next eight months staff will be working to develop an application to apply for what will be a new Enterprise Zone designation. Applications are due by December 31, 2014. If approved, the term of the zone will be for 15 years with a review at year 13 to extend for another 10 years.

Recommendation:

The CED Department recommends that the City Council pass an Ordinance to amend the termination date of the Enterprise Zone Designation Ordinance to July 1, 2016.

Submitted by: Jeffery A. Eder, CED Director/Asst. City Manager
Mary Chappell, Development Programs Manager

Approved by: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

ORDINANCE NO:

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE
ROCK ISLAND ENTERPRISE ZONE

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1985, the Rock Island City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Rock Island, Illinois, (the "City"), pursuant to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act (the "Act"), did adopt that certain Ordinance Initiating an Enterprise Zone describing and designating an area located within the City of Rock Island, in the County of Rock Island, Illinois, as an Enterprise Zone (including as later supplemented and amended, the "Initiating Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, at the time of adoption of the Initiating Ordinance, the Enterprise Zone Act then in effect limited the life of the Enterprise Zone to thirty (30) years, or until December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the area described and designated by the Ordinance, including as supplemented and amended by the Ordinance, has been certified by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, or its successor (the "Department"), as the Rock Island Enterprise Zone, in accordance with the Act (the "Enterprise Zone"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously amended and supplemented the Ordinance, and approval of such amendments was made by the Department by certification of the Ordinance, as so amended and supplemented; and

WHEREAS, through such an amendment, previously adopted by the City and certified by the Department on August 30, 2004, the City continued their participation in the Enterprise Zone and extended the term of the Enterprise Zone through December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, by Public Act 97-905, the Illinois General Assembly amended the Enterprise Zone Act, at 20 ILCS 655/5.3(c), to provide, *inter alia*, that

Each Enterprise Zone in existence on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly that is scheduled to expire before July 1, 2016, will have its termination date extended until July 1, 2016,
and;

WHEREAS, the City Council now finds it necessary and desirable to further amend the Ordinance to incorporate the provisions P.A. 97-905;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained the City Council of the City of Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. All of the recitals contained in the preambles to this ordinance are full, true and correct and the City Council does hereby incorporate them into this ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Initiating Ordinance and any prior amendments thereto, the terms of each are hereby amended to provide that the termination date of the Enterprise Zone is July 1, 2016.

Section 3. The Mayor of the City of Rock Island shall have, and is hereby given authority to execute a codicil to the Amended reflecting the terms of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Except to the extent amended hereby, all actions taken with respect to the Enterprise Zone prior to the date of this ordinance, including all provisions, agreements stipulations, rights, obligations and duties set forth in the Ordinance, as previously supplemented and amended, are hereby ratified, confirmed, and incorporated herein as fully as if set forth in their entirety.

Section 5. The Enterprise Zone Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this Ordinance to the State of Illinois pursuant to the Act to amend the Ordinance and the Enterprise Zone as set forth herein.

Section 6. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Rock Island, Illinois, Rock Island County, Illinois, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of May, 2014, and approved by me as Mayor on the same day.

APPROVED

Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

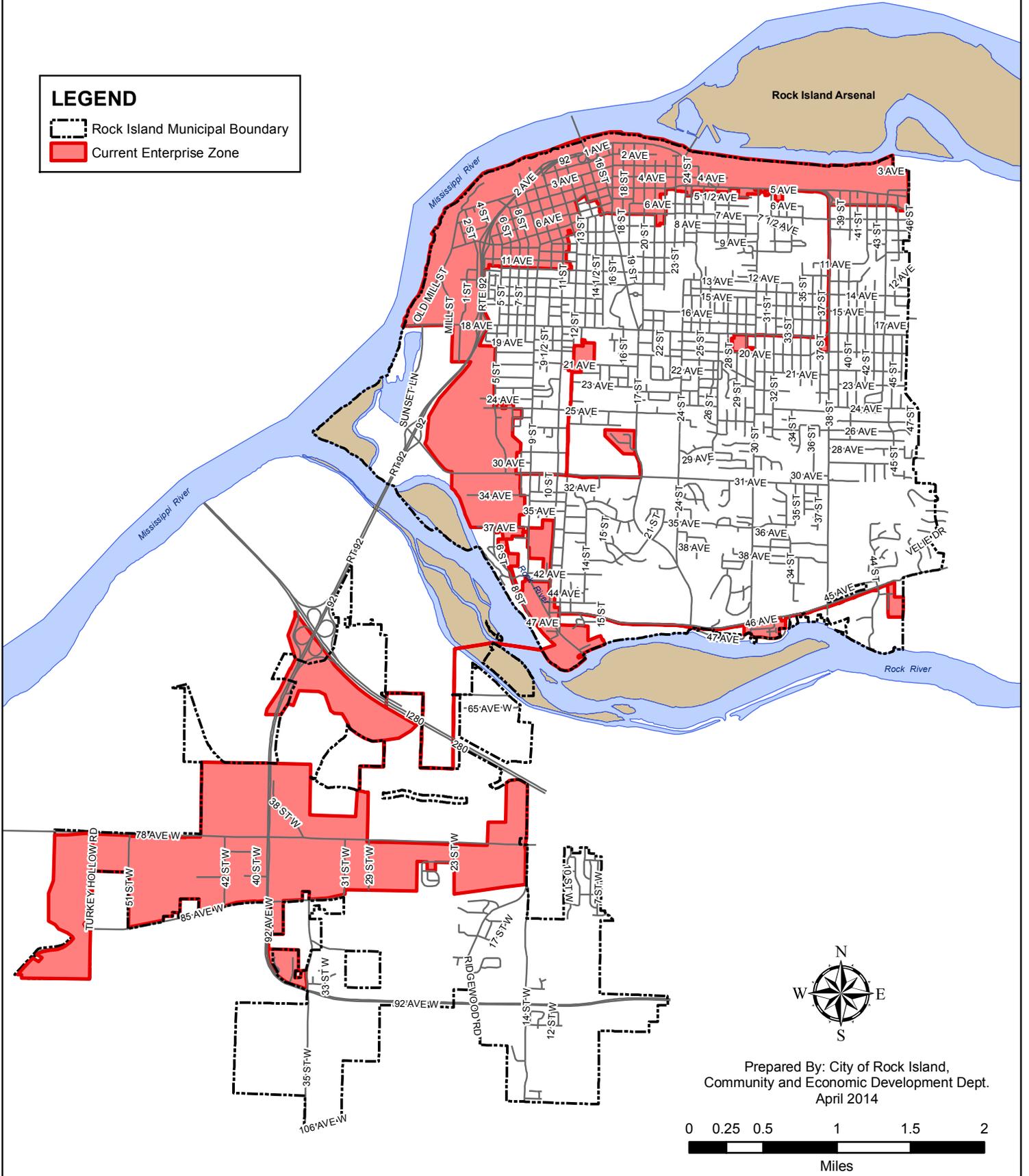


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Enterprise Zone Map

LEGEND

- Rock Island Municipal Boundary
- Current Enterprise Zone



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Community and Economic Development Dept.
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