

ORDINANCE NO.

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AN AREA AS

THE JOLIET RIVER EDGE REDEVELOPMENT ZONE

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet, Illinois (the “City”), is a home rule unit of local government under Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, and is authorized to exercise powers pertaining to its government and affairs, including the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the General Assembly of the State of Illinois enacted the River Edge Redevelopment Zone Act (65 ILCS 115/10-1 et seq.) (the “Act”) to promote the redevelopment of environmentally challenged properties along rivers in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for the benefits of the Act, a municipality must designate an area meeting the statutory criteria by initiating an ordinance and apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (“DCEO”) for approval of such designation as a River Edge Redevelopment Zone (“Zone”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Joliet conducted a public hearing regarding the proposed Zone on November 4, 2025, following proper public notice in accordance with Section 10-5(b)(ii) of the Act; and hereafter referred to as Joliet River Edge Redevelopment Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the area described in Exhibit “A” – Legal Description and Map (“the Area”), of this Ordinance meets the qualifications for a River Edge Redevelopment Zone, and that it is in the best interests of the City to designate this area as a River Edge Redevelopment Zone; and

WHEREAS, subject to the certification by the DCEO and in accordance with the Act, the City of Joliet will offer tax incentives and/or reimbursement of taxes as authorized in the Act to businesses located within the Joliet River Edge Redevelopment Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and City Council hereby find that the recitals contained in the Preamble to this Ordinance are true, correct and complete and hereby incorporate the Preamble by reference as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

SECTION 2: The Mayor and City Manager are hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary for the designation of the Joliet River Edge Redevelopment Zone, which is substantially the same as Exhibit “A” - Legal Description and Map, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION 3: The City Council finds that the designated Area, meets the criteria established in Section 10-4 of the Act:

- A. The area is contiguous and adjacent to the Des Plaines River.
- B. The area is greater than one-half square mile in area and less than twelve (12) square miles, exclusive of lakes and waterways.
- C. The area lies entirely within the corporate boundaries of the City of Joliet.
- D. The area contains at least one hundred (100) acres of environmentally challenged property within 1,500 yards of the riverfront.
- E. The area satisfies any additional criteria established by DCEO.

SECTION 4: Subject to the certification by the DCEO and in accordance with the Act, the City of Joliet will offer tax incentives and/or reimbursement of taxes as authorized in the Act to businesses located within the Joliet River Edge Redevelopment Zone.

SECTION 5: The Administrator of the Joliet River Edge Redevelopment Zone ("Zone Administrator") shall be the City of Joliet's Director of Economic Development or the City Manager's designee in the absence of a Director of Economic Development. The Zone Administrator shall serve as liaison between the City of Joliet, DCEO, and any designated organizations.

SECTION 6: The designation of the Joliet River Edge Redevelopment Zone shall expire on December 31, 2055, unless extended or amended in accordance with the Act.

SECTION 7: Each section and part thereof of this Ordinance is deemed to be severable and should any section or part hereof be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portion(s) of this Ordinance.

Section 8: All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and of no further force and effect to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

VOTING YES: _____

VOTING NO: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

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