

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE CONSISTING OF FOUR PROPOSED SITES BASED IN AND AROUND THE CITY OF ELOY, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA.

WHEREAS, the City of Eloy (“Eloy”) has submitted an Application to the United States Department of Commerce to establish a General-Purpose Foreign-Trade Zone (“FTZ”), serving four sites in and around Eloy, at Docket Number 35-2011 (the “Eloy Application”); and

WHEREAS, the municipalities within Pinal County have demonstrated a large growth in population and a clear and present need to create new employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the current FTZ areas within the state are the City of Phoenix, Arizona, FTZ 75; the City of Tucson, Arizona, FTZ 174; the City of Mesa, Arizona, FTZ 221, and; the Greater Maricopa Foreign-Trade Zone, Arizona, FTZ 277, and these FTZs have not opposed the acceptance of the Eloy Application; and

WHEREAS, the Alternative Site Framework (“ASF”) of FTZ 75 has been extended to encompass Pinal County, which covers the sites within the Eloy Application; and

WHEREAS, since the ASF expansion, FTZ 75 has not established any sites within Pinal County, nor granted a usage-driven FTZ designation to any businesses or industries currently operating in Pinal County; and

WHEREAS, the ASF extension of FTZ 75 was approved by the Department of Commerce without a local public hearing providing this community with an opportunity for input or approval; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2010, the Eloy City Council held a public meeting to address the issue of the establishment of a proposed Eloy-based FTZ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maricopa supports the City of Eloy being the Grantee over the areas within the Eloy Application to serve both the convenience of commerce and the taxing entities that are locally affected by an FTZ.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Maricopa officially supports the Eloy Application to serve businesses or industries engaged in foreign commerce and its interest in utilizing available tools for the advancement of economic growth in the local community.

SECTION 2. The City of Maricopa urges the Department of Commerce Examiner and/or Review Board to approve the Eloy Application.

SECTION 3. The establishment of a new FTZ based in Eloy would grant greater local control over the management of the FTZ and would not unduly interfere with the current operations taking place in those already established FTZs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, this 1st day of May, 2012.

APPROVED:

Anthony Smith
Mayor

ATTEST:

Vanessa Bueras, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Denis Fitzgibbons
City Attorney