

PETITION

For Establishing A Business Improvement Area For The City of Hoquiam

We, the operators of businesses located within the City of Hoquiam, hereby petition the City Council of Hoquiam to establish a Hoquiam Business Improvement Area (BIA) as authorized by RCW Chapter 35.87A within the boundaries described on Exhibit "A". Special assessments will be collected from all businesses within the BIA Boundaries and will be deposited in an account specifically designated for the BIA use, except as noted in item two below. Collected funds will be expended only for activities benefiting the BIA as designated in the following paragraphs:

1. The initial BIA budget is proposed to be approximately \$50,000. The projects upon which these funds will be spent will fall within the scope of the purposes listed below. The annual cost of such projects shall not exceed the total of the annual collections. The actual dollar value will be determined by applying the assessment formula to each business within the district boundaries according to the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees:
 - Category A = 1-4 FTE
 - Category B = 5-9 FTE
 - Category C = 10-24 FTE
 - Category D = 25+ FTE
 - a. For all Category A businesses the annual assessment is proposed to be \$100.
 - b. For all Category B businesses the annual assessment is proposed to be \$250.
 - c. For all Category C businesses the annual assessment is proposed to be \$500.
 - d. For all Category D businesses the annual assessment is proposed to be \$1,000.
2. The following businesses and activities will be exempt from this BIA assessment:
 - a. Qualified charitable organizations as defined by the IRS Code 26 use 170(c).
 - b. Governmental agencies and offices.
 - c. Sponsors of and concessionaires at public events and vendors or entertainers in streets and parks who engage in business within the BIA for less than 30 days per year.
3. BIA revenues will be used to fund projects and activities which come under the general scope of one or more of the following categories:
 - a. Decoration of any public place in the area;
 - b. Promotion of public events which are to take place on or in public places in the area;
 - c. Furnishing of music in any public place in the area;
 - d. Providing professional management, planning and promotion for the area.

4. In accordance with State law, the City will collect the BIA assessments. In turn, the City will contract with the Hoquiam Business Association to administer the BIA. The Board of the Hoquiam Business Association, made up of representatives of businesses within the BIA district, will serve as the BIA Board and be responsible for managing BIA programs and activities as well as hiring and supervising required personnel, purchasing office supplies and equipment, etc. The BIA Board will work closely with the City Council to implement the goals of the BIA district in accordance with the law, establishing each annual budget and approving the expenditure of funds.

5. The recommended boundaries of the BIA are delineated in Exhibit "A".

NOTE: This form must be completed by business owners.

Name (Printed):

_____ Title (e.g., Owner) _____

Business Name:

Street Address:

Mailing Address:

Date:

Signature:

EXHIBIT A

Hoquiam Business Improvement Area Boundaries are identified by the City of Hoquiam 10.03.040 Official Zoning Map now and as amended. The boundaries consist of the following City of Hoquiam regular land use zoning districts as described below and shown on the map attached hereto.

- a) C1 – General Commercial
- b) C2 – Downtown Commercial
- c) I – Industrial

