



Implementation of Homestead Preservation District Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone

Financial Services Department

November 18, 2015
Housing & Community Development Committee



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Council Direction on Homestead Preservation

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- **Resolution No. 20150604-051**

“City Manager ... directed to proceed with establishing Homestead Preservation Districts in the areas designated as District B, District C and District D ...”

- Public Hearing & Ordinances will be on November 19th Council meeting
- District A was previously created by City Council on 1/11/07

“City Manager ... directed to explore implementation of inclusionary zoning in Homestead Preservation Districts ...”

- Law Department has provided City Council with requested information



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- **Resolution No. 20150604-051**

“City Manager .. directed to proceed to develop a work plan and timeline to create a Homestead Preservation District Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) ... in Homestead Preservation District A.”

- Staff has created a work plan/timeline to allow Council to take action by the end of this calendar year



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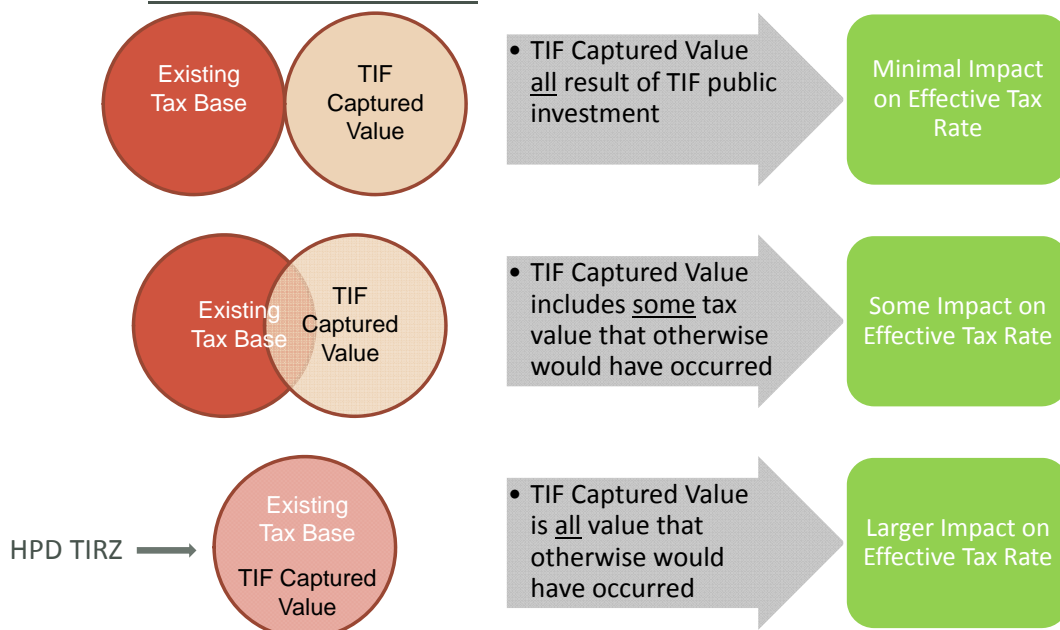
- Popular financing tool to encourage economic development within a defined geographic area or zone
 - Various Texas Code sections allow reinvestment zones, including Chapter 311 of the Tax Code; and Chapter 373A of the Local Government Code
- Sets aside property tax revenue due to assessed valuation growth in zone to use for specific purposes in zone
 - Typically public investments that stimulate economic development
- “But For” the TIF subsidy, economic development would not occur at proposed level solely from private investment in the reasonably foreseeable future
- Base year is established, and growth above that base year is the “increment”
- TIFs increase effective tax rate – the lower the “but-for” test, the bigger the increase



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“But- For” Scenarios





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	HPD TIRZ (373A)	Chapter 311
Location for TIRZ	Only in HPD	City-wide
TIRZ Boundaries	Must be contiguous 100% within the HPD	Contiguous or Non-Contiguous
Zone Restrictions	Can be used in primarily Single Family areas	In each TIF, no more than 30% of private property can be for Single-Family
Permitted Use of Funds	Affordable Housing only	Any designated "project cost"
Affordable Housing	Yes; 100% on < 70% MFI; 50% on < 30% MFI	Yes; no restrictions
General Fund Revenue Impact	Yes – high	Yes – zero to low
Debt Financing	No	Yes
Subject to 5% Cap on Assessed Valuation	Yes	Yes



Timeline/Steps

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- The creation of Homestead Preservation District Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (HPD TIRZ) is prescribed by both Chapter 311 and Chapter 373A:

Step	Council / Committee	Date
Policy Discussion on Creating HPD TIRZ	Housing & Community Development Committee	November 18, 2015
Action on HPD TIRZ Ordinance	Housing & Community Development Committee	December 9, 2015
Set Public Hearing	City Council	December 10, 2015
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Ordinance Requirements

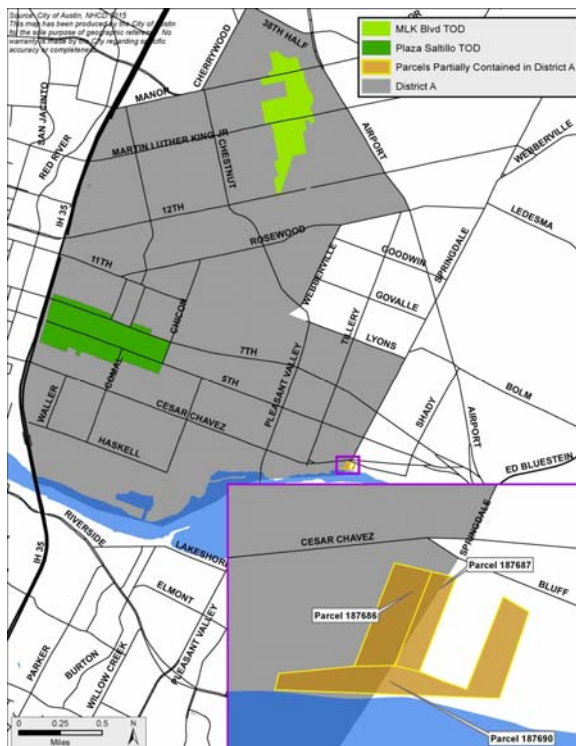
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- Describe Boundaries
- Provide a termination date for the zone
- Establish a tax increment fund
- Assign a name; i.e. "City of Austin Homestead Preservation Reinvestment Zone No. 1"
- Specify the amount (%) of tax increment to be deposited into the fund
- Contain findings that the area (i.e. the HPD) is "unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted"



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Boundaries of HPD A TIRZ

- Properties that straddle the district boundary line
- Plaza Saltillo and MLK Transit Oriented Developments (TODs)
- Redevelopment opportunities



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- Amount of Tax Increment collected & Zone Termination Date
 - Base Year would be current tax year 2015 (FY16)

	100% Capture	50% Capture
1 st Year Revenue (FY17)	\$1.0 million	\$500,000
Year 10 Revenue (FY26)	\$11.9 million	\$6.0 million
<i>Cumulative 10 Yrs</i>	<i>\$64.6 million</i>	<i>\$32.3 million</i>
Year 20 Revenue (FY36)	\$26.7 million	\$13.4 million
<i>Cumulative 20 Yrs</i>	<i>\$195.0 million</i>	<i>\$97.5 million</i>

- Funds would need to be expended within HPD A boundaries
- Tax rate would automatically increase to make up for reduction in General Fund revenue
- Annual revenue collected will be basis for finance plan & project plan brought to Council each year



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Tax Increment Financing Financial Policies

- TIF zones established where revenues will recover public cost of debt with adequate safety margin
- No more than 5% of City's tax base will be in TIF zones
 - Currently at 1.3%
 - To preserve City's tax base and General Fund revenue sources
 - Limit upward pressure on tax rate
 - Consideration of other General Fund cost drivers and program needs

TIF Area	Acres	Assessed Value (AV)	% of Total City AV
Mueller	700	\$829 million	0.8 %
Seaholm	13.6	\$122 million	0.1 %
Waller Creek	126	\$776 million	0.7 %
HPD District A	2,900	\$2.4 billion	2.2 %



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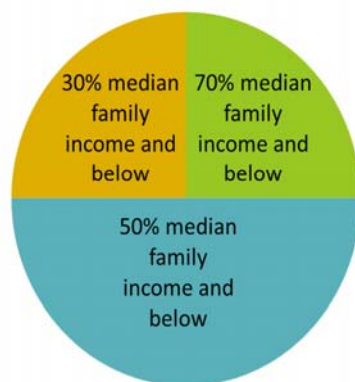
- Other Potential TIFs recently discussed
 - Colony Park
 - ACC/Highland Mall
 - Airport Boulevard
 - Transit Corridors
 - Bull Creek / Former TxDOT parcel
 - South Central Shore Initiative
 - Other HPDs
 - Lone Star Rail District
 - Redevelopment of city-owned properties



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TIRZ Reinvestment Requirements



Use of Funds

- NHCD would put TIRZ funds towards existing programs
 - Work with District A stakeholders to tailor needs
- Must be used within HPD District A



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Questions / Comments