RESOLUTION NO. 6579

A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT ON A STANDARD TAX EXEMPTION ON INVESTMENTS (MADE OVER ONE TO THREE YEARS) COSTING \$25 MILLION OR MORE IN AN OREGON ENTERPRISE ZONE IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE EXEMPTION TO FRERES LUMBER CO. INC. BY WAIVING THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT BY TEN PERCENT

WHEREAS, Freres Lumber Co. Inc. intends to invest an estimated \$23.15 million in capital improvements for the new plant in Lyons, Oregon, starting in January 2018; and

WHEREAS, the new plant is located within the South Santiam Enterprise Zone, which is sponsored by Linn County, City of Albany, City of Millersburg, and City of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Freres Lumber Co. Inc. has applied for authorization in the enterprise zone for the aforementioned investment; and

WHEREAS, under ORS 285C.155 and 285C.200(2) the enterprise zone sponsor may provide by resolution for authorization of an eligible business firm, such that it may qualify for the exemption on qualified property in the zone without increasing zone employment as normally required, if the firm's total investment in qualified property costs \$25 million or more and it maintains a minimum number of full-time employees in the zone (as established by the zone sponsor) and it satisfies other reasonable requirements as the zone sponsor may also establish; and

WHEREAS, Freres Lumber Co. Inc. has 470 full-time employees throughout the South Santiam Enterprise Zone as averaged over the past 12 months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council, representing the City of Albany, which is a cosponsor of the South Santiam Enterprise Zone, that Freres Lumber Co. Inc. is hereby authorized to qualify in accordance with ORS 285C.200 for purposes of the exemption on qualified property under ORS 285C.175 provided that:

- 1. The investment at the new plant in qualified property, for which the exemption is claimed over one to three years, costs \$25 million or more in total; and
- 2. The number of full-time, year-round employees of Freres Lumber Co. Inc. in the South Santiam Enterprise Zone is maintained at or above 375, on average, for each calendar year of the exemption period; and
- 3. When the investment requirement in #1 above is met, this resolution takes precedence over the Productivity Waiver resolution (Resolution No. 6580).

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 8TH DAY OF MARCH 2017.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk