



## **AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

**Meeting:** Commissioners Court - May 26, 2026

**Department:** County Commissioners

**Staff Contact:** Bryan McDaniel, General Counsel

**Presented By:** Commissioner Carmack

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**Item: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDER DESIGNATING SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGY CORP. AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT IN BASTROP COUNTY AND FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE**

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### **Background Information:**

Space Exploration Technologies Corp. is expanding in Bastrop County and will be providing a large investment in infrastructure and providing a large number of jobs in the County. They have applied to the County to nominate them for enterprise project status to the State of Texas under Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Chapter 2303 thus qualifying them for available State of Texas benefits through the State Economic Development Bank, as well as possible local incentives.

### **Financial Impact:**

This project will provide a large number of jobs to Bastrop County and increase the tax base of the county benefiting the County and its residents. Incentives will be considered based on County policies and the benefit the project brings to the County.

### **Policy Implications:**

None

### **Recommendation(s):**

Approve

### **Back-up Information/Attachments:**

[Enterprise Zone ORDER PROPOSAL \(5-15-26\) \(003\)](#)

**ORDER No. 2026-09**

*AN ORDER OF **BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS**, ORDAINING THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (ACT), PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES, DESIGNATING A LIAISON FOR COMMUNICATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES, AND NOMINATING **SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGIES CORP.** TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM (EDT) THROUGH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (BANK) AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT (PROJECT).*

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court of **Bastrop County**, Texas (County) desires to create the proper economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises located in severely distressed areas of the county and to provide employment to residents of such area; and

**WHEREAS**, the project or activity is not located in an area designated as an enterprise zone; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act, **Space Exploration Technologies Corp.** has applied to the County for designation as an enterprise project for its **Bastrop Kit Production Expansion Triple Jumbo Project**; and

**WHEREAS**, the County finds that Space Exploration Technologies Corp. and its Bastrop Kit Production Triple Jumbo Project meets the criteria for tax relief and other incentives adopted by the County on the grounds that it will be located at the qualified business site, will create a higher level of employment, economic activity and stability; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing to consider this order was held by the County's Commissioner Court on **May 26, 2026**;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNTY'S COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BASTROP, TEXAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The County nominates Space Exploration Technologies Corp. for enterprise project status for the Bastrop Kit Production Expansion Triple Jumbo Project.

**SECTION 2:** The following local incentives, at the election of the governing body, are or may be made available to the nominated project or activity of the qualified business:

- a) The County may abate taxes on the increase in value of real property improvements and eligible personal property that locate in a designated enterprise zone. The granting of and level of abatement shall be in accordance with the County of Bastrop Tax Abatement Policy.

- b) The County may provide regulatory relief to businesses, including:
  - 1) Tax Abatement;
  - 2) Participation in tax increment financing or reinvestment zone arrangements as authorized by law;
  - 3) Chapter 380/381;
  - 4) Other Tax Incentives authorized by law;
  - 5) Variances or exceptions authorized under applicable County Development regulations and policies;
  - 6) Coordination and facilitation of applicable County Development review and permitting processes;
  
- c) The County may provide enhanced services to businesses, including:
  - 1) Public safety coordination and law enforcement support;
  - 2) institution of community crime prevention programs;
  
- d) The County may provide improvements in community facilities, including:
  - 1) road repair;
  - 2) creation or improvement of parks.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed as granting, approving, or obligating Bastrop County to provide any tax abatement, Chapter 381 agreement, tax increment financing participation, infrastructure funding, fee waiver, tax refund, development variance, enhanced service, or other local incentive to the nominated project or business. Any such local incentive shall require separate review, statutory compliance, negotiation of applicable agreements, and approval by the Commissioners Court.

**SECTION 3:** The enterprise zone areas within the County are reinvestment zones in accordance with the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312.

**SECTION 4:** The County of Bastrop Commissioner Court directs and designates its County Judge, Gregory Klaus as the County’s liaison to communicate and negotiate with the EDT through the Bank and enterprise project(s) and to oversee zone activities and communications with qualified businesses and other entities in an enterprise zone or affected by an enterprise project.

**SECTION 5:** The County finds that Space Exploration Technologies Corp. Bastrop Kit Production Expansion Triple Jumbo Project meets the criteria for designation as an enterprise project under Chapter 2303, Subchapter F of the Act on the following grounds:

- (a.) Space Exploration Technologies Corp. is a “qualified business” under Section 2303.402 of the Act since it will be engaged in the active conduct of a trade or business at a qualified business site within the governing body’s jurisdiction, located outside of an enterprise zone and at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the business’ new employees will be residents of an enterprise zone, economically disadvantaged individuals, or veterans; and

- (b.) There has been and will continue to be a high level of cooperation between public, private, and neighborhood entities in the area; and
- (c.) The designation of Space Exploration Technologies Corp. Bastrop Kit Production Expansion Triple Jumbo Project as an enterprise project will contribute significantly to the achievement of the plans of the County for development and revitalization of the area.

**SECTION 6:** The County recognizes that participation in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program may require ongoing administrative coordination, reporting, record retention, compliance monitoring, and financial review by County staff, including the County Auditor’s Office and other County departments. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to establish administrative procedures, cost recovery mechanisms, or related agreements, as authorized by law, to support the administration of enterprise projects.

**SECTION 7:** The enterprise project shall take effect on the date of designation of the enterprise project by EDT and terminate on the same date no more than five (5) years after the date of designation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

COUNTY OF BASTROP, TEXAS

ATTEST:

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Gregory Klaus, County Judge

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Krista Bartsch, County Clerk