

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 25

A RESOLUTION OF THE COLORADO SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING THE BOUNDARIES OF A PROPOSED AREA OF THE
CITY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR DESIGNATION AS A
CHIPS ZONE UNDER THE COLORADO CHIPS ZONE ACT

WHEREAS, in 2022, the United States Congress enacted, and President Biden signed the “Creating Helpful Incentives for Producing Semiconductors and Science Act” (the “CHIPS Act”); and

WHEREAS, the CHIPS Act will provide over \$50 billion to be spent to strengthen and revitalize the Country’s position in semiconductor research, development, and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, in May 2023, the Colorado General Assembly adopted House Bill 23-1260 and in it added a new Article 36 to Title 39 of the Colorado Revised Statutes to be known as the CHIPS Zone Act; and

WHEREAS, the CHIPS Zone Act has been enacted to maximize the opportunity for Colorado business involved in research, development, and manufacturing of semiconductors to access the federal dollars to be spent under the CHIPS Act and to also provide these businesses with certain state tax-credit incentives; and

WHEREAS, in order for such businesses in the City to obtain the benefits provided under the CHIPS Zone Act, the City must file with the Director of the Colorado Office of Economic Development (the “OED Director”) the boundaries of a proposed area within the City to be designated as a “CHIPS Zone” and, with this proposed CHIPS Zone, to submit a “development plan” for the Zone containing the information required by the CHIPS Zone Act (the “Development Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the designated CHIPS Zone proposed for the City under the CHIPS Zone Act is the area depicted in CHIPS Zone Map attached as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference (the “Proposed Zone”); and

WHEREAS, the CHIPS Zone Act provides that once the Proposed Zone and Development Plan are submitted to the OED Director, the Colorado Economic Development Commission (the “Commission”) will then consider whether to approve the Proposed Zone as designated CHIPS Zone under the CHIPS Zone Act; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to approve the boundaries of the Proposed Zone and to direct the Mayor to submit the Proposed Zone to the OED Director and to prepare the Development Plan to also be submitted to the OED Director for the Commission’s designation of the Proposed Zone as a CHIPS Zone under the CHIPS Zone Act; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is also to delegate authority to the Mayor to seek future modifications of the boundaries of the Proposed Zone, once it is designated as a CHIPS Zone, within the City of Colorado Springs.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that this Resolution and the designation of the Proposed Zone as a CHIPS Zone under the CHIPS Zone Act is in the City's best interest and necessary for the City's economic vitality and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The City of Colorado Springs hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby approves the Proposed Zone and directs the Mayor to prepare the Development Plan and to submit it and the Proposed Zone to the OED Director and request that the Proposed Zone be designated by the Commission as a CHIPS Zone under the CHIPS Zone Act.

Section 3. The City Council hereby delegates authority to the Mayor to seek future modifications to the Proposed Zone boundaries within the city limits of the City of Colorado Springs once the Proposed Zone is designated as a CHIPS Zone by the Commission.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk