

RESOLUTION NO. 06-172

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
APPROVE A SALES TAX REFUND AGREEMENT WITH
CAMELLIA PLAZA, L. P.**

WHEREAS, there is presently an 8.5% sales tax composed of the following:

- To the State of Texas 6.25%
- To the City 1.00%
- To Jefferson County .50%
- To the EDC .50%

WHEREAS, per Chapter 378 Local Government Code, V.T.C.A., the City has created a neighborhood empowerment zone, which will allow it to refund sales taxes for this commercial development since it will increase economic development in the zone; and

WHEREAS, Camellia Plaza, L. P., has offered to construct retail centers, stores, and a hotel in Port Arthur; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the best interests of the citizens of Port Arthur to approve a Sales Tax Refund Agreement with Camellia Plaza, L. P.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR:

Section 1. That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to execute a Sales Tax Refund Agreement with Camellia Plaza, L. P. in substantially the same form as delineated in the attached

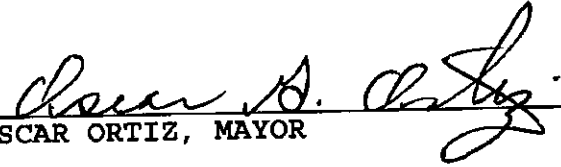
Exhibit "A".


Section 3. That a copy of the caption of this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council.


READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 9th day of May, A.D., 2006, at a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas, by the following vote:


AYES: Mayor _____;
City Council Lewis, Henderson, Prince _____;
and Sinegal _____;

NOES: Mayor Ortiz; Councilmember Barber _____.


OSCAR ORTIZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

EVANGELINE GREEN, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARK T. SOKOLOW, CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED FOR ADMINISTRATION:

STEVE FITZGIBBONS, CITY MANAGER