

## **Dallas Enterprise Zone Information**

In 1997, the City of Dallas renewed its existing Enterprise Zone program. An Enterprise Zone is an economic development tool that allows a municipality to partner with the State to offer local and state tax and regulatory benefits to new businesses in distressed areas. The City of Dallas has three Enterprise Zones which were approved on December 2, 1997 and will expire on September 1, 2005. These Enterprise Zones were based on the 1990 Census.

In addition, the City of Dallas also has one Enterprise Community. An Enterprise Community is a Federally designated area which encourages economic development in a distressed area. The Enterprise Community within the City of Dallas was established on September 1, 1995 and expires on December 21, 2004.

Both Enterprise Zones and the Enterprise Community use census tracts and block groups to designate their area. Census tracts are numbers assigned to particular areas by the U.S. Census Bureau. Census tracts are further divided into block groups. If are interested in property and would like to know if it is located in either the Enterprise Zone or Enterprise Community, you first need to determine the census tract and block group. The easiest way to do this is to look up the address on the Census website. [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov). Click on American Fact Finder, located on the left side about half way down. Then in the search box located on the bottom, left, click on the words "street address" to find Census 2000 data. This will give you the census tract and block group for your particular address.

In 2003, the State of Texas passed legislature which effectively reconfigured the Enterprise Zone Program. This legislature went into effect on September 1, 2003. Under the new legislation, any block group within the State of Texas that has a poverty rate of at least 20 percent, as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau during each decennial census is a state enterprise zone. These figures are based on the 2000 Census. For more information about this new legislation, please visit <http://www.tded.state.tx.us/TexasEnterpriseZone/>

In order to assist our customers, the City of Dallas has created maps which outline the existing Enterprise Zones and Enterprise Community in Dallas as well as lists of all of the eligible census tracts and block groups which comprise these areas. Please go to [www.dallas-edd.org](http://www.dallas-edd.org) and click on Enterprise Zone Map and List of Census Tracts. Please note that because of the recent changes in legislation, as described above, there are now multiple Enterprise Zones in existence. You should consult both the Enterprise Zone Map and List of Census Tracts (1990) as well as the Enterprise Zone Map and List of Census Tracts (2000).

In addition to the above, you can also visit the City of Dallas' website at [www.dallascityhall.org](http://www.dallascityhall.org) and use the interactive map to determine whether your property is in an Enterprise Zone. Click on On-line Services and then on Interactive City Map.

Type in the address of your property and click on Find Address. The program will locate your property on the map. On the left side of the screen about half way down, click on “click here for additional map features”. Check Enterprise Community and Enterprise Zone, then scroll down to the bottom of the page and click “update map”. If the background color of the map changes to blue (Enterprise Zones) or gold (Enterprise Community), your property is located in one of the respective areas, per the legend.

For more information about Enterprise Zones, please contact the Economic Development Division of the City of Dallas at 214 670-1685.