

FEDERAL OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Created as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, Opportunity Zones (OZ) are a federal tax incentive designed to encourage investors to reinvest capital gains in economically distressed communities, thereby stimulating economic development and job creation. This is a federal program and not managed by El Paso County.

DEFERRAL

- ✓ No up-front tax bill on the rolled-over capital gain, and investors can defer their original tax bill until the earlier of December 31, 2026 or the sale of the opportunity zone investment.

REDUCTION

- ✓ Reduction of tax on the rolled-over capital gain investment for long-term holding. A 5-year holding increases the rolled-over capital gains basis by 10%, and a 7-year holding increases the rolled-over capital gain investment basis by 5% - for a total of 15%.

TAX-FREE APPRECIATION

- ✓ If an opportunity zone investment is held for 10 years, the taxpayer pays no capital gains on the appreciation.

MORE
INFORMATION



El Paso County Program Website

admin.elpasoco.com/economic-development/OZ



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MAP OF THE 8 FEDERALLY DESIGNATED OPPORTUNITY ZONES IN EL PASO COUNTY

