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## **Circle Brewing Company to Build Unique Elgin Brewery**

The City of Elgin announced today an agreement with Circle Brewing Company of Austin, Texas that will facilitate the construction and development of a one-of-a-kind destination craft brewery within the city. The Circle-Elgin Project will be the first Texas brewery to create beer from ingredients totally grown and brewed on-site, from seed to pint glass.

Founded by Ben Sabel and Judson Mulherin in 2010, Circle Brewing Company is an award-winning craft brewery that has built a loyal and substantial customer base through their emphasis on brewing with only the fewest ingredients possible.

"We have always sought to create the very best beer using only the main four brewing ingredients: water, malt, hops, and yeast," said Ben Sabel, President of Circle Brewing. "Our new facility in Elgin will enable us to take that one step further by allowing us to not only grow our ingredients, but truly incorporate our brewing operations with sustainable agriculture techniques."

Since their opening, Circle has been heavily involved in working with and supporting their local community. In addition to partnering with the new neighboring businesses in Elgin, Circle aims to create a truly local and unique product.

"This is an exciting project for the entire Elgin community," said Mayor Chris Cannon. "It is also particularly rewarding for us that it will be located in an older part of town that has not experienced much new development in recent years."

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Circle recently acquired a 22-acre site in Elgin at the corner of Lexington Avenue and Louise Street where they will construct a new building of 18,000 square feet that will house a new brewery and ancillary uses. Future plans also allow for an entertainment venue complementary to the brewery.

"The economic attributes of having an established business like Circle Brewing located here are obvious," said City Manager Tom Mattis. "The fact that it will be a business that is totally exclusive to Texas makes it really special for us."

This project is truly unique to the state of Texas. Circle's new property will also include 12 acres of land that will be utilized to raise crops to supply the brewing operation. There is no other facility like it anywhere else in the Lone Star state.

The City Council and Economic Development Corporation have approved an agreement with Circle Brewing that provides Planned Development District zoning and financial support through a reimbursement of future sales tax revenue generated by the project.

"The Circle Project represents everything we are looking for with new businesses coming to Elgin", said Owen Rock, Director of Economic Development "New jobs and increased tax revenue, but most importantly, services and a unique experience for our residents."

Circle plans to have the Circle-Elgin Project under construction this summer and to be fully operational by the first quarter of next year. Even with this new facility, Circle plans to maintain operations at its current location at 2340 Braker Lane.

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#### **About Elgin**

The City of Elgin is a historic, full-service city that is currently home to approximately 10,000 residents located in northern Bastrop County. Elgin has been designated by the Texas Legislature as "The Sausage Capital of Texas" and is an important stop on the US Hwy290 corridor between Austin and Houston. For more information about Elgin, please visit [www.ci.elgin.tx.us](http://www.ci.elgin.tx.us).

