



Enterprise Zone Property Tax Abatement Policy

- A. Commencing on or after January 1, 2016, taxes on real property levied by the City of Rockford shall be abated on property located within the boundary of the Zone and upon which new improvements have been constructed as provided in this Section. In no event shall any abatement of taxes on any parcel exceed the amount attributable to the construction of the improvements or the renovation or rehabilitation of existing improvements on such parcel.
- B. For **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL** (as defined in the City Zoning Ordinance) projects occurring on parcels or properties located within the boundaries of the Zone, taxes on the increased assessment amount due to rehabilitation, expansion, or new construction, shall be abated for four(4) years as follows:

Year 1 = 80% Year 2 = 60% Year 3 = 40% Year 4 = 20%

Year 1 of the abatements shall be the assessment year after the qualifying improvements have been placed in service, as determined by the Zone Administrator. Abatements shall terminate upon expiration of the term of the Zone.

- C. The improvements on which the abatement is based must be of a nature or scope that a building permit is required.
- D. Properties located in a redevelopment project area established pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act or the Industrial Jobs Recovery Act are not eligible for abatement so long as the area is so designated.
- E. Property owners meeting qualification criteria outlined in A through D above must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Zone Administrator. The memo must outline projected job creation and/or job retention and capital investment and provide for future reporting on those subjects for the eligible commercial and industrial projects. The said Administrator is hereby authorized to enter such agreements on behalf of the City of Rockford.
1. Entities receiving property tax abatement for eligible commercial or industrial projects must agree to maintain a minimum of 90% of the employment levels at that location as described in the Memorandum of Understanding for the term of abatement. At the discretion of the Zone Administrator, failure to maintain a minimum of 90% of the employment levels during the agreement period may result in the immediate termination of remaining abatement and/or the pro-rata repayment of previously abated real property taxes to the City.
 2. The Zone administrator will annually monitor the performance of the eligible recipients of property tax abatement in order to ensure that job and investment projections as well as changes in equalized assessed valuation outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding are being met.
 3. The Zone Administrator may elect to waive enforcement of any performance measures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding based on a finding that the waiver is necessary to avert an imminent, demonstrable, and material hardship to the entity that may result in such entity's insolvency or discharge of workers.



Application for Property Tax Abatement
Rockford I-90 Enterprise Zone (Jan. 1, 2016)

Name of Business: _____
Address: _____
Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____
Contact Person: _____
E-mail Address: _____

SUMMARY OF COMPLETED PROJECT

Address: _____

Describe site (location, orientation to highways): _____

Brief description of construction completed either for new building or rehabilitation: _____

Did this project involve a move from another location? Yes No

If yes, give address: _____

Building Permit No: _____ Date Issued: _____

Date Construction Project Began: _____

Certificate of Occupancy Date: _____

Property Code No: _____ Attach legal description as a separate page.

New Construction: _____

Total Cost of Improvements: Renovation: _____

Capital Equipment: _____

Brief description of products and/or services of business: (What does business do or make?)

REPORT OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYMENT BEFORE AND AFTER PROJECT

FTE Jobs Retained means the number of jobs that will remain in the zone when it can be publicly documented that the business would have otherwise closed operations without the enterprise zone benefits.

FTE Jobs Created means full time equivalent jobs for which persons are hired or are expected to be hired within one year of the new investment (do not include construction jobs or spinoff jobs).

Previous to construction, how many FTE employees did your company employ? _____

How many FTE positions were retained at company as a result of this project? _____

As of building occupancy date following construction, how many FTE additional employees are being hired by the company as a direct result of the new investment made by the company? _____

(Do not count construction jobs or spinoffs in this number.)

(If additional space is required to clarify jobs and/or hiring, attach a separate page.)

SITE INFORMATION

Number of Acres _____ Sq. Ft. _____
Existing Improvements to Site (previous to present construction): _____

New Improvements to Site (with present construction):

BUILDING INFORMATION (RENOVATION)

Building Size (Total Sq. Ft.) _____ Dimensions: _____

Total area renovated or remodeled (sq. ft.) _____

List improvements to existing facility:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

BUILDING INFORMATION (NEW CONSTRUCTION)

Size (sq. ft.) of new building or addition to present building: _____ Dimensions: _____

Describe the new facility or addition: (i.e., use of building, layout, construction materials, etc.)

APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED ABOVE AND IN EXHIBITS ATTACHED HERETO ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, AND ARE SUBMITTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FROM THE CITY OF ROCKFORD.

Date: _____

Applicant: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Received by: _____

Department of Community Development

Title: _____