



Legislation Text

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Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on January 5, 2009 to Receive Public Comment on the Application of Edwards Brothers Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in Industrial Development District No. 2007-010

Attached please find for Council action the necessary resolution to set a public hearing on the application of Edwards Brothers Inc., for an industrial facilities exemption certificate in Industrial Development District No. 2007-010 established by City Council on August 6, 2007.

Edwards Brothers Inc. has an existing abatement for previous investments in equipment and has maintained their employment level of 480 employees consistent with their abatement agreement with the City. The company faces competition from many sources and needs to continue investing in equipment to remain competitive. Edward Brothers Inc. has locations outside Michigan where investments could be made but would like to continue to invest in Ann Arbor rather than one of their other locations. The company is requesting an abatement on new equipment purchases planned for the present year.

State law requires that a public hearing be scheduled by the local governing body upon receipt of an application for an industrial facilities exemption certificate in an established development district. Edwards Brothers Inc. filed an application with the City Clerk on November 26, 2008.

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Whereas, Pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended ("Act"), after a duly noticed public hearing held on August 20, 2007, the City of Ann Arbor City Council established Industrial Development District No. 2007-010;

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 7a of the Act, on November 26, 2008, Edwards Brothers Inc., filed an application with the City Clerk for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real property improvements to be constructed and new personal property to be acquired and installed within Industrial Development District No. 2007-010;

Whereas, Before acting on said application, City Council is required to hold a public hearing at which the applicant, the City Assessor, and a representative of each of the affected taxing units and the public may be afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

Whereas, Edwards Brothers Inc. had not, begun construction of the real property improvements or installation of new machinery and/or equipment prior to November 26, 2008, the date of filing of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate;

RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Ann Arbor hereby sets a public hearing for Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may convene in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Guy Larcom Municipal Building, 100 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, to receive comment from the applicant, City Assessor, representatives of each of the affected taxing units and the public on the

application of Edwards Brothers Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real property improvements to be constructed and new personal property to be acquired and installed within Industrial Development District No. 2007-010;

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be directed to publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and mail notice of the hearing to the applicant, the City Assessor, and each of the affected taxing units; and

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk shall maintain on file and make available on request copies of the application filed November 26, 2008 by Edwards Brothers Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.