

**RESOLUTION 16 - 2024**

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FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT**

**SUMMARY**

This Resolution, if adopted, would grant a seven (7) year tax abatement for DeKalb Metal Finishing, Inc.

_____ Recorder's Office	_____ Publish Public Hearing
<u>  x  </u> Auditor's Office or	_____
<u>  x  </u> Clerk's Office or	_____ Publish O/R after adoption
<u>  x  </u> Other: Assessor	_____
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WHEREAS, the City of Auburn, Indiana (the “City”) desires to promote economic development and expansion;

WHEREAS, DeKalb Metal Finishing, Inc, an Indiana corporation (“Company”), provides zinc nickel electroplating services for the automotive industry;

WHEREAS, Company desires to enhance its manufacturing operations at 1201 S. Grandstaff Dr., Auburn, Indiana (the “Site”) with the purchase of certain new manufacturing equipment, and has requested from the Common Council (the “Council”) of the City provide to Company a seven (7) year personal property tax abatement on qualifying personal property at the Site (the “Abatement”);

WHEREAS, Company submitted to the Council its Statement of Benefits Personal Property, Indiana State Form 51764 which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A (“SB1”);

WHEREAS, according to the SB1, Company anticipates the new equipment will aid in retaining 67 employees and adding 53 additional employees and will significantly bolster productivity at the Site;

WHEREAS, Company plans to invest approximately \$2,996,745.00 for the purpose of acquiring the subject manufacturing equipment more particularly described on the SB1;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ind. Code § 6-1.1-12.1-2.5, by prior Council Resolution No. 05-2024, the Site was previously designated an economic revitalization area;

WHEREAS, the Council is authorized, pursuant to Ind. Code § 6-1.1-12.1 et. seq. (the “Act”), to provide the Abatement; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires grant the Abatement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, INDIANA as follows:

1. Based on the Council’s review of the SB1 and Company’s request for the Abatement, the Council has found and determined the following:

a. The value of the project is reasonable for projects of that nature;

b. The estimate of the number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the Company's growth at the Site;

c. The estimate of the annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can be reasonably expected to result from the proposed project;

d. There are additional benefits that can be reasonably expected to result from project; and

e. The totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the deduction.

2. The Council hereby declares, after considering the factors and making the findings as required by the Act, that the application of Company for the Abatement, including SB1, is hereby granted and approved and, accordingly, the Council hereby approves a seven (7) year personal property tax abatement of personal property taxes assessed on qualifying personal property located at the Site identified in the SB1 pursuant to the Schedule attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B.

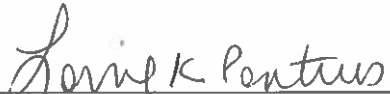
3. Upon adoption, the City shall cause this Resolution to be filed in the Offices of the DeKalb County Auditor and Assessor.

4. This Resolution shall be effective upon its passage.

**RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED** by the Common Council of the City of Auburn, Indiana, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

  
James Finchum, Councilmember

ATTEST:

  
Lorrie K. Pontius  
Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Auburn, Indiana, this me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

  
Lorrie K. Pontius, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AND SIGNED by me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

  
David E. Clark, Jr., Mayor

VOTING:

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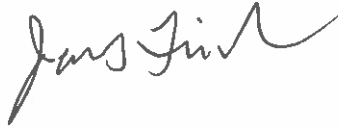
Natalie DeWitt



Rod Williams



James Finchum



Dan Braun



David Bundy



Kevin Webb



Emily Prosser



**EXHIBIT "A"**

**SBI**



**STATEMENT OF BENEFITS  
PERSONAL PROPERTY**

State Form 51764 (R5 / 1-21)

Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

**FORM SB-1 / PP**

**PRIVACY NOTICE**

Any information concerning the cost of the property and specific salaries paid to individual employees by the property owner is confidential per IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.1.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. This statement must be submitted to the body designating the Economic Revitalization Area prior to the public hearing if the designating body requires information from the applicant in making its decision about whether to designate an Economic Revitalization Area. Otherwise this statement must be submitted to the designating body **BEFORE** a person installs the new manufacturing equipment and/or research and development equipment, and/or logistical distribution equipment and/or information technology equipment for which the person wishes to claim a deduction.
2. The statement of benefits form must be submitted to the designating body and the area designated an economic revitalization area before the installation of qualifying abatable equipment for which the person desires to claim a deduction.
3. To obtain a deduction, a person must file a certified deduction schedule with the person's personal property return on a certified deduction schedule (Form 103-ERA) with the township assessor of the township where the property is situated or with the county assessor if there is no township assessor for the township. The 103-ERA must be filed between January 1 and May 15 of the assessment year in which new manufacturing equipment and/or research and development equipment and/or logistical distribution equipment and/or information technology equipment is installed and fully functional, unless a filing extension has been obtained. A person who obtains a filing extension must file the form between January 1 and the extended due date of that year.
4. Property owners whose Statement of Benefits was approved, must submit Form CF-1/PP annually to show compliance with the Statement of Benefits. (IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.6)
5. For a Form SB-1/PP that is approved after June 30, 2013, the designating body is required to establish an abatement schedule for each deduction allowed. For a Form SB-1/PP that is approved prior to July 1, 2013, the abatement schedule approved by the designating body remains in effect. (IC 6-1.1-12.1-17)

SECTION 1		TAXPAYER INFORMATION						
Name of taxpayer <b>DeKalb Metal Finishing, Inc.</b>		Name of contact person <b>Matt Morris / mmorris@dekalbmetal.com</b>						
Address of taxpayer (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) <b>PO Box 70, Auburn, IN 46706</b>			Telephone number <b>(260) 925-1820 ext. 114</b>					
SECTION 2		LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT						
Name of designating body <b>City of Auburn, Indiana Common Council</b>		Resolution number (s)						
Location of property <b>1201 S. Grandstaff Dr., Auburn, IN 46706</b>		County <b>DeKalb County</b>		DLGF taxing district number <b>025</b>				
Description of manufacturing equipment and/or research and development equipment and/or logistical distribution equipment and/or information technology equipment. (Use additional sheets if necessary.) The project includes the refurbishment/relocation of 3 Fanta Plating lines at a cost of \$998,915 each.		ESTIMATED						
		START DATE		COMPLETION DATE				
		Manufacturing Equipment		<b>01/02/2025</b>		<b>08/31/2025</b>		
		R & D Equipment						
		Logist Dist Equipment						
IT Equipment								
SECTION 3		ESTIMATE OF EMPLOYEES AND SALARIES AS RESULT OF PROPOSED PROJECT						
Current Number <b>67</b>	Salaries <b>\$4,108,332.80</b>	Number Retained <b>67</b>	Salaries <b>\$4,108,332.80</b>	Number Additional <b>53</b>	Salaries <b>\$3,519,963.20</b>			
SECTION 4		ESTIMATED TOTAL COST AND VALUE OF PROPOSED PROJECT						
NOTE: Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.1 (d) (2) the COST of the property is confidential.	MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT		R & D EQUIPMENT		LOGIST DIST EQUIPMENT		IT EQUIPMENT	
	COST	ASSESSED VALUE	COST	ASSESSED VALUE	COST	ASSESSED VALUE	COST	ASSESSED VALUE
	Current values	0	0					
	Plus estimated values of proposed project	2,996,745	2,996,745					
	Less values of any property being replaced	0	0					
Net estimated values upon completion of project	2,996,745	2,996,745						
SECTION 5		WASTE CONVERTED AND OTHER BENEFITS PROMISED BY THE TAXPAYER						
Estimated solid waste converted (pounds) _____		Estimated hazardous waste converted (pounds) _____						
Other benefits:								
SECTION 6		TAXPAYER CERTIFICATION						
I hereby certify that the representations in this statement are true.								
Signature of authorized representative <i>Thomas M. Niezer</i>				Date signed (month, day, year) <b>November 19, 2024</b>				
Printed name of authorized representative <b>Thomas M. Niezer</b>				Title <b>Authorized Representative</b>				

**FOR USE OF THE DESIGNATING BODY**

We have reviewed our prior actions relating to the designation of this economic revitalization area and find that the applicant meets the general standards adopted in the resolution previously approved by this body. Said resolution, passed under IC 6-1.1-12.1-2.5, provides for the following limitations as authorized under IC 6-1.1-12.1-2.

A. The designated area has been limited to a period of time not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ calendar years \* (see below). The date this designation expires is \_\_\_\_\_. *NOTE: This question addresses whether the resolution contains an expiration date for the designated area.*

B. The type of deduction that is allowed in the designated area is limited to:

- |  |                              |                             |   |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Installation of new manufacturing equipment;            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced Abatement per IC 6-1.1-12.1-18<br>Check box if an enhanced abatement was approved for one or more of these types. |
| 2. Installation of new research and development equipment; | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |   |
| 3. Installation of new logistical distribution equipment.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |   |
| 4. Installation of new information technology equipment;   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |   |

C. The amount of deduction applicable to new manufacturing equipment is limited to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cost with an assessed value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (One or both lines may be filled out to establish a limit, if desired.)

D. The amount of deduction applicable to new research and development equipment is limited to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cost with an assessed value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (One or both lines may be filled out to establish a limit, if desired.)

E. The amount of deduction applicable to new logistical distribution equipment is limited to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cost with an assessed value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (One or both lines may be filled out to establish a limit, if desired.)

F. The amount of deduction applicable to new information technology equipment is limited to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cost with an assessed value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (One or both lines may be filled out to establish a limit, if desired.)

G. Other limitations or conditions (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

H. The deduction for new manufacturing equipment and/or new research and development equipment and/or new logistical distribution equipment and/or new information technology equipment installed and first claimed eligible for deduction is allowed for:

- |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                  |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Year 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Year 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Year 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Year 5  | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced Abatement per IC 6-1.1-12.1-18<br>Number of years approved: _____<br>(Enter one to twenty (1-20) years; may not exceed twenty (20) years.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Year 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Year 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Year 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Year 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Year 10 |  |

I. For a Statement of Benefits approved after June 30, 2013, did this designating body adopt an abatement schedule per IC 6-1.1-12.1-17?  Yes  No  
If yes, attach a copy of the abatement schedule to this form.  
If no, the designating body is required to establish an abatement schedule before the deduction can be determined.

Also we have reviewed the information contained in the statement of benefits and find that the estimates and expectations are reasonable and have determined that the totality of benefits is sufficient to justify the deduction described above.

Approved by: (signature and title of authorized member of designating body) <i>[Signature]</i>	Telephone number 260)925-6450	Date signed (month, day, year) 12/17/2024
Printed name of authorized member of designating body Kevin Webb	Name of designating body City of Auburn Common Council	
Attested by: (signature and title of attester) <i>[Signature]</i>	Printed name of attester Lorrie K Pontius	

\* If the designating body limits the time period during which an area is an economic revitalization area, that limitation does not limit the length of time a taxpayer is entitled to receive a deduction to a number of years that is less than the number of years designated under IC 6-1.1-12.1-17.

**IC 6-1.1-12.1-17**

**Abatement schedules**

**Sec. 17. (a)** A designating body may provide to a business that is established in or relocated to a revitalization area and that receives a deduction under section 4 or 4.5 of this chapter an abatement schedule based on the following factors:

- (1) The total amount of the taxpayer's investment in real and personal property.
- (2) The number of new full-time equivalent jobs created.
- (3) The average wage of the new employees compared to the state minimum wage.
- (4) The infrastructure requirements for the taxpayer's investment.

**(b)** This subsection applies to a statement of benefits approved after June 30, 2013. A designating body shall establish an abatement schedule for each deduction allowed under this chapter. An abatement schedule must specify the percentage amount of the deduction for each year of the deduction. Except as provided in IC 6-1.1-12.1-18, an abatement schedule may not exceed ten (10) years.

**(c)** An abatement schedule approved for a particular taxpayer before July 1, 2013, remains in effect until the abatement schedule expires under the terms of the resolution approving the taxpayer's statement of benefits.



**EXHIBIT "B"**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT SCHEDULE**

<b>Personal Property</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Abatement</b>
1	100%
2	85%
3	71%
4	57%
5	43%
6	29%
7	14%