



# City of Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA 19107

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**Councilmembers Clarke, Mariano, DiCicco, Ramos, Kelly, Goode and Reynolds Brown**

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## **AN ORDINANCE**

Amending Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," by providing for an Economic Opportunity Plan as a condition for the grant of certain tax abatements, under certain terms and conditions.

*THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 19-1300 of The Philadelphia Code is amended to read as follows:

### **CHAPTER 19-1300. REAL ESTATE TAXES.**

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§19-1303(3). Authorization to Offer Exemptions from Real Estate Taxes on Improvements to Deteriorated Industrial, Commercial or Other Business Properties.

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**D.** Exemptions.

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(3) Procedure for obtaining exemption.

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*(c.1) The Board of Revision of Taxes in determining whether the exemption shall be granted shall inquire of the Department of Commerce whether the taxpayer has filed with the Department of Commerce an Economic Opportunity Plan for any jobs relating to the repair, construction or*

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*reconstruction upon which the abatement is to be premised, including construction jobs in performing the repair, construction or reconstruction. Such Plan shall contain (i) a detailed statement by the taxpayer that addresses the taxpayer's good faith efforts to insure that (a) the maximum feasible number of any year-round, part-time or full-time jobs provided by the project to youth (persons under the age of twenty-one (21)) shall be provided to low and moderate income youth, and that, (b) in order to meet these goals, the project shall utilize the services of the School District of Philadelphia, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition, the Urban League of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation or any related entities, or training or apprenticeship programs such as the Philadelphia Housing Authority's Working Together for Jobs Agreement, the TOP/WIN program, the Congreso de Latinos Unidos Apprenticeship Prep for Trades APTitude Program, YouthBuild Philadelphia, or other similar programs; and (ii) a preliminary implementation plan for such youth employment goals. In addition the Economic Opportunity Plan shall contain a detailed statement by the taxpayer that addresses the taxpayer's good faith efforts to insure that the project shall provide for significant contracting, construction and job opportunities, including without limitation, goods, services and equipment, to minority, female and disabled business enterprises and individuals, and a preliminary implementation plan for these employment goals. The Board of Revision of Taxes shall withhold approval of the application until the Department of Commerce certifies to the Board that such a Plan has been filed. Any withholding of approval shall not be construed to toll the exemption period for which a taxpayer would otherwise qualify.*

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**Explanation:**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.  
*Italics* indicate new matter added.