



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint Resolution approving a Real Property Tax Abatement Agreement with various taxing bodies for FedEx Ground Package System, Inc. in Grayslake.

- FedEx Ground package System, Inc (FXG) is desirous to locate a transportation center to operate a business-to-business and business-to-home package delivery center.
- The County has made economic development one of the cornerstones of its strategic planning effort.
- The transportation center will be a minimum of 200,000 square feet.
- At full capacity FXG anticipates that it will create 48 full time and 448 part-time employees. In addition, it will create jobs for 192 contract truck drivers and 40 construction jobs.
- In addition to FXG, the other parties to the agreement are the Village of Grayslake, the Grayslake Fire Protection District, the Grayslake Community High School District 127, the Fremont School District 79, and Grayslake Consolidated School District 46.
- Pursuant to the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended, (35 ILCS 200/18-165) the County has the authority to abate real property taxes.
- Property tax abatement is necessary and justified due to the competitive selection process with other locations and the quality jobs and investment in the site.
- The abatement period is for five (5) years. The abatement will be fifty percent (50%) of each taxing districts' portion of the property taxes allocated to them.
- FXG will use reasonable efforts to hire Lake County residents by posting job openings with the Lake County Workforce Investment Board. FXG agrees to maintain, at a minimum, the levels of employees, wage rates, and fringe benefits for said employees pursuant to the figures provided by FXG in the Lake County Partners' Abatement Application (attached to the agreement). FXG agrees to provide evidence of the number of employees annually. If FXG does not maintain required levels, the agreement is void and FXG must repay the taxes abated during the period when it did not have the required employee levels.
- FXG agrees to remain in the facility for a minimum of fifteen (15) years; otherwise they must repay the full abatement.
- The Resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Lake County Board to duly execute the Real Property Tax Abatement Agreement.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, FEDEX Ground Package System, Inc. (FXG) is desirous to locate a transportation center with a minimum of 200,000 square feet of property to operate a business-to-business and business-to-home small package delivery center that will employ, at maximum capacity, 48 full-time and 448 part-time employees; and,

WHEREAS, as an incentive to locate said transportation center in Lake County, FXG is requesting an abatement of real property taxes from several local taxing bodies including Lake County; and,

WHEREAS, the County has made economic development one of the corner stones of its

strategic planning effort; and,

WHEREAS, two of the key strategies of the economic development goal is to market Lake County as a business location to targeted industries that have a significant presence and workforce in Lake County, and to increase collaboration and cooperation with other units local government to cultivate economic development; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the County's best interest to maintain and promote a viable economic sector to enhance the long term strength and stability of the tax base within Lake County; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 200/18-165 of the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended (35 ILCS 200/18-165), the County has the authority to abate real property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 10 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 et seq) the various taxing bodies may enter into intergovernmental cooperation agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Chairman of the County Board is hereby authorized to execute a Real Property Tax Abatement Agreement with the Village of Grayslake, the Grayslake Fire Protection District, the Grayslake Community High School District 127, the Fremont School District 79, the Grayslake Consolidated School District 46, and the FEDEX Ground Package System, Inc., a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to said agreement and by the authority granted by Section 18-165 of the Property Tax Code, the County Clerk shall abate the taxes in accordance with the provisions of said agreement.

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on July 13, 2010.