



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **Elegance USA INC CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Elegance USA INC

**Address:** 2250 Western Avenue, Park Forest, Illinois 60466

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** Village of Park Forest

**Cook County District:** 6<sup>th</sup> District

**Permanent Index Number:** 31-25-201-005-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** Village of Park Forest Resolution No. R-20-23 approved July 20, 2020

**Number of month property vacant/abandoned:** 13 months vacant

**Special circumstances justification requested:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** Industrial - Distribution and Manufacturing

**Living Wage Ordinance Compliance Affidavit Provided:** Yes

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 8 that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an abandoned commercial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment defines abandoned property as buildings and other structures that, after having been vacant and unused for at least 24 continuous months, have been purchased for value by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in the instance where the property does not meet the definition of abandoned property, the municipality or the Board of Commissioners, may determine that special circumstances may exist that justify finding that the property is abandoned for purpose of Class 8; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of less than 24 months and purchase for value, by a purchaser in whom the seller has no direct financial interest, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 8 requires the validation by the County Board of the shortened period of qualifying abandonment in cases where the facility has been abandoned for less than 24 consecutive months upon purchase for value; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 8 is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of abandoned with special circumstances; and

**WHEREAS;** commercial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying commercial real estate eligible for the Class 8 can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that new construction or rehabilitation has been completed, or in the case of abandoned property from the date of substantial re-occupancy. Properties receiving Class 8 will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11<sup>th</sup> year and 20% in the 12<sup>th</sup> year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, that the President and Board of Commissioners validate the above-captioned property is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 8; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Cook County Assessor