



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Corrections made as a result of scrivener's errors

**Item Number:** Item number 21-2556

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** N/A

**Original Text of Item:** **Sec. 74-63. - Assessment classes.**

Real estate is divided into the following assessment classes:

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- (7) *Class 6b.* Real estate used primarily for industrial purposes, consisting of all newly constructed buildings or other structures, including the land upon which they are situated; or abandoned property, including the land upon which such property is situated; or all buildings and other structures which are substantially rehabilitated to the extent such rehabilitation has added to their value, including qualified land related to the rehabilitation. Land qualifies when the rehabilitation adds vertical or horizontal square footage to the improvements. The amount of land eligible for the incentive shall be in such proportion as the square footage added by the rehabilitation bears to the total square footage of the improvements on the parcel.

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- d. In the instance where real estate does not meet the definition of abandoned property as defined herein, the municipality or the County Board, as the case may be, may still determine that special circumstances justify finding that the property is deemed "abandoned" for purpose of Class 6b, unless:
1. There has been a purchase for value and the buildings and other structures have not been vacant and unused prior to such purchase; or
  2. There has been no purchase for value and the buildings and other structures have been vacant and unused for less than at least 12 continuous months.

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- (9) *Class 7a.* Real estate used primarily for commercial purposes, comprising a qualified commercial development

project, as determined pursuant to Section 74-65(a), located in an area in need of commercial development, where total development costs, exclusive of land, do not exceed \$2,000,000.00, consisting of all newly constructed buildings or other structures, including the land upon which they are situated; or abandoned property, as defined in this Division, including the land upon which such property is situated; or all buildings and other structures which are substantially rehabilitated to the extent such rehabilitation has added to their value, including qualified land related to the rehabilitation. Land qualifies when the rehabilitation adds vertical or horizontal square footage to the improvements. The amount of land eligible for the incentive shall be in such proportion as the square footage added by the rehabilitation bears to the total square footage of the improvements on the parcel.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, special circumstances may not be determined to justify finding that a property is deemed "abandoned" where:

- A. There has been a purchase for value and the buildings and other structures have not been vacant and unused prior to such purchase; or
- B. There has been no purchase for value and the buildings and other structures have been vacant and unused for less than at least 12 continuous months.

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- (10) *Class 7b.* Real estate used primarily for commercial purposes, as defined in this Division, comprising a qualified commercial development project, as determined pursuant to Section 74-65(a), located in an "area in need of commercial development", where total development costs, exclusive of land, exceed \$2,000,000.00, consisting of all newly constructed buildings or other structures, including the land upon which they are situated; or abandoned property, as defined herein, including the land upon which such property is situated; or all buildings and other structures which are substantially rehabilitated to the extent such rehabilitation has added to their value, including qualified land related to the rehabilitation. Land qualifies when the rehabilitation adds vertical or horizontal square footage to the improvements. The amount of land eligible for the incentive shall be in such proportion as the square footage added by the rehabilitation bears to the total square footage of the improvements on the parcel.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, special circumstances may not be determined to justify finding that a property is deemed "abandoned" where:

- A. There has been a purchase for value and the buildings and other structures have not been vacant and unused prior to such purchase; or
- B. There has been no purchase for value and the buildings and other structures have been vacant and unused for less than at least 12 continuous months.

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- (12) *Class 8*. Real estate used primarily for industrial and commercial purposes, consisting of all newly constructed buildings or other structures, including the land upon which they are situated; or abandoned property, as defined in this division, including the land upon which such property is situated; or all buildings and other structures which are substantially rehabilitated to the extent such rehabilitation has added to their value, including qualified land related to the rehabilitation.

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- b. In the instance where real estate does not meet the definition of abandoned property as defined herein, the municipality or the County Board, as the case may be, may still determine that special circumstances justify that the property is deemed "abandoned" for purpose of Class 8, unless:
1. There has been a purchase for value and the buildings and other structures have not been vacant and unused prior to such purchase; or
  2. There has been no purchase for value and the buildings and other structures have been vacant and unused for less than ~~at least~~ 12 continuous months.

The finding of abandonment, along with the specification of the special circumstances, shall be included in the Resolution or Ordinance supporting and consenting to the Class 8 application.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption for all applications received after May 13, 2021.