



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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Transmitting a Communication, dated August 23, 2013 from

HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

respectfully submitting this Resolution regarding KTR Illinois, LLC's request for a Class 6b property tax incentive for special circumstances and substantial rehabilitation for an industrial building located at 200 East Oakton Street, Des Plaines, Illinois. The applicant intends to lease the property to Motor Coach Industries (MCI) for the warehousing and distribution of its motor coaches and motor coach parts and supplies as well as service and maintenance of its motor coaches.

KTR Illinois, LLC requests approval of the tax incentive based on the special circumstances that the property has been vacant for more than 24 months; there has been no purchase for value; and substantial rehabilitation will be completed under the Class 6b Ordinance. This Resolution is required so that the company can complete its application to the Assessor of Cook County.

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioner

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for an industrial facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed an application from KTR Illinois, LLC and Resolution No. R-5-13 from the City of Des Plaines for an abandoned industrial facility located at 200 East Oakton Street, Des Plaines, Cook County, Illinois, County Board District #17, Property Index Numbers: 09-19-301-017-0000 and 09-19-301-026-0000; and

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

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value. Qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b 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 6b will be assessed at 10% of the market value for 10 years, 15% for the 11th year and 20% in the 12th year; 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 justify finding that the property is abandoned for the purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, in the case of abandonment of over 24 months and no purchase for value by a disinterested buyer, the County may determine that special circumstances justify finding the property is deemed abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b requires a Resolution by the County Board validating the property is deemed abandoned for the purpose of Class 6b; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building has been abandoned for 61 months, at the time of application, with no purchase for value and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS**, the re-occupancy will retain 67 full-time jobs; create an estimated 12 full-time jobs and create 35 construction jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Plaines states the Class 6b is necessary for development to occur on this specific real estate. The municipal Resolution cites the special circumstances include that the property has been vacant for over 24 months and there will be no purchase for value and that the subject property is in need of substantial rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant acknowledges that it must provide an affidavit to the Assessor's Office stipulating that it is in compliance with the County's Living Wage Ordinance prior to receiving the Class 6b incentive on the subject property.

**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 property located at 200 East Oakton Street, Des Plaines, Cook County, Illinois, is deemed abandoned with special circumstances under the Class 6b; 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.

**\*Referred to the Real Estate Committee on 09/11/12.**