



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **GHP GROUP, INC. CLASS 6B PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE REQUEST**

Respectfully submitting this resolution regarding GHP Group, Inc.'s request for a Class 6b property tax incentive for special circumstances and substantial rehabilitation for an industrial building located at 6440 West Howard Street, Niles, Illinois. The applicant intends to occupy the building for the manufacturing, warehousing and distribution of seasonal consumer goods sold in national home improvement centers.

GHP Group, Inc. requests approval of the tax incentive based on the special circumstances that the property has been vacant for less than 24 months; has been purchased 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.

**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 GHP Group, Inc. and Resolution No. 2012-28R from the Village of Niles for an abandoned industrial facility located at 6440 West Howard Street, Niles, Cook County, Illinois, Cook County District 13, Permanent Index Number 10-30-201-033-0000; 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 purpose of Class 6b; 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 6b 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 Cook County Board of Commissioners has determined that the building was abandoned for eight (8) months at the time of application, and that special circumstances are present; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant estimates that the re-occupancy will retain 45 full-time jobs, 30 part-time jobs, five (5) new full-time jobs and five (5) part-time jobs and 25-30 construction jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Niles 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 less than 24 months; there has been a purchase for value and the 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 6bincentive 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 6440 West Howard Street, Niles, 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.