



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### **Morgan Li, LLC CLASS 6B SUSTAINABLE EMERGENCY RELIEF (SER)**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development received and reviewed a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b Sustainable Emergency Relief (SER) application containing the following information:

**Applicant:** Morgan Li, LLC

**Address:** 363 E. / 397 E. 16th Street & 1530 State Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois

**Length of time at current location:** 11 years

**Length of time property under same ownership:** 11 years

**Is there evidence supporting 10 years of the same ownership and/or occupancy (tenancy):** Yes

**Age of the Property (Building):** 23

**Municipality or Unincorporated Township:** City of Chicago Heights

**Cook County District:** 5<sup>th</sup> District

**Permanent Index Number(s):** 32-21-411-011-0000; 32-21-412-008-0000; 32-21-412-009-0000; 32-21-412-010-0000; 32-21-412-011-0000; 32-21-412-012-0000; 32-21-412-013-0000; 32-21-412-014-0000; 32-21-412-015-0000 and 32-21-412-016-0000

**Municipal Resolution Number:** City of Chicago Heights, Resolution No. 2021-122

**Evidence of Economic Hardship:** Yes

**Number of blighting factors associated with the property:** **Three blighting factors** **Deterioration** - The roof needs to be replaced; Stained and damaged ceiling, walls and floors from roof leaks; Older mechanicals nearing the end of their physical lives; Morgan needs to purchase new equipment/machinery for its business to operate more efficiently and to stay current with customers' demands some of these machines will need to be replaced within the upcoming 5 - 10 years. **Obsolescence** - Multi-building design (i.e. interconnecting buildings) results in "cut-up" and divided space and making it difficult to access one warehouse area to another; 6% office space, which is really low percentage; two-story design is less efficient than a one-story building; varied ceiling clearance; only partially sprinklered. **Overcrowding of structures** - Subject suffers from an increased threat of spread of fire due to the close proximity of buildings; Inadequate off-street parking spaces. Subject only has 26 paved parking spots throughout the site and there are no parking lanes along 16th Street and State Street.

**Has justification for the Class 6b SER program been provided?:** Yes

**Proposed use of property:** **Industrial - Manufacturing:** Industrial use - manufacturing, assembling, packaging,

warehousing, and distribution

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

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Real Property Assessment Classification 6b Sustainable Emergency Relief (SER) that provides an applicant a reduction in the assessment level for a long-term existing industrial enterprise that meets the qualifications of the SER program ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Classification System for Assessment requires that an applicant under the Class 6b SER program provide evidence justifying their participation in the subject program; and

**WHEREAS**, Class 6b SER requires a resolution by the County Board validating the property for the purpose of the Class 6bSER Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the industrial enterprise that occupies the premises has been at the same location for a minimum of ten years prior to the date of the application for the Class 6b SER Program;

**WHEREAS**, the industrial enterprise that occupies the premises has submitted evidence of economic hardship to the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development supporting a determination that participation in the Class 6b SER Program is necessary for the industrial enterprise to continue its operations at its current location and maintain its staff, and without the Class 6b SER the industrial enterprise would not be economically viable causing the property to be in imminent risk of becoming vacant and unused; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is not receiving another Cook County Property Tax Incentive for the same property; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality states the Class 6b SER is necessary for the industrial enterprise to maintain is operations on this specific real estate. The municipal resolution cites the qualifications of this property to meet the definition of the Class 6b SER program; and

**WHEREAS**, industrial real estate is normally assessed at 25% of its market value, qualifying industrial real estate eligible for the Class 6b SER can receive a significant reduction in the level of assessment from the date that the application is approved by the Cook County Assessor. Properties receiving Class 6b SER 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

**WHEREAS**, the applicant understand that the Class 6b SER classification is not renewable and also the applicant vacates the specific real estate while the Class 6b SER is in place the designation will terminate and the assessment level will immediately revert back to the 25% assessment level; 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 meets the requirements of the Class 6bSER Program; 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