

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: F6

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
No Action

MEETING DATE: July 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Setting the Freeport Tax Exemption at 100%.

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING:  YES  NO

ATTACHMENT:  YES  NO  
Pages: 1

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PURPOSE: To approve the attached Resolution enacting the Freeport Tax Exemption approved by voters and establishing the exemption for all categories at 100%

NEED/ IMPACT: The Freeport Tax Exemption is a crucial factor in making warehouse and distribution facilities competitive in attracting and retaining regional and national distribution centers which distribute goods throughout the southeast. Facilities unable to compete with Freeport Exempt municipalities will have low occupancy rates and will lose new development opportunities, jobs, and the additional benefits that regional and national distribution facilities provide.

Over sixty percent of Georgia counties and cities have adopted the Freeport Tax Exemption at some level. The majority of cities in metro Atlanta offer exemptions. DeKalb County offers a 100% exemption on inventory values.

Georgia State law allows a Municipal government to enact Freeport Tax Exemptions to exempt specified personal property from taxation after the approval by the local governing body and a citizen referendum vote.

As a result of a citywide election held on May 20, the Freeport Tax Exemption referendum was passed with approximately two-thirds of the voters voting yes.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve the attached Resolution to enact the Freeport Tax Exemption (Level 1 and Level 2) at the 100% level for all categories.