



I. Program Intent

The City Council of the City of Melbourne, Florida believes that local government should support economic growth by providing an incentive for employment opportunities that will lead to improvement to the quality of life of City residents, positive expansion of the economy in terms of new jobs and improvements to real and personal property, and creating jobs in such a way so as not to disadvantage existing businesses while recognizing that productive competition fosters economic growth.

The City offers certain ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses relocating to the City of Melbourne and to expansions of businesses already situated in the City. Incentives could be provided to businesses of diverse industries, except for retail operations, having a positive impact on the City's economy to the benefit of residents and visitors. The Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption is a local option tax incentive for new or expanding businesses, which may be granted at the sole discretion of the Melbourne City Council.

Any exemption granted may apply up to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of all Improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new Business and of all tangible personal property of such new Business, or up to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of all added Improvements to real property made to facilitate the Expansion of an Existing Business and of the net increase in all tangible personal property acquired to facilitate such Expansion of an Existing Business, provided that the Improvements to real property are made or the tangible personal property is added or increased after the effective date of the ordinance specifically granting a Business an exemption. Property acquired to replace existing property may not be considered to facilitate a Business expansion. The exemptions may not apply to Improvements to real property made by or for the use of new or expanding businesses when such Improvements have been included on the tax rolls prior to the effective date of the ordinance specifically granting a Business an exemption.

The ability to receive an exemption for the period granted is conditioned upon the Applicant's ability to maintain the new Business or the Expansion of an Existing Business as defined in Section VI. G. and J. throughout the entire exemption period. The Applicant will be required to submit a report on an annual basis to the City evidencing satisfaction of this condition. The annual report will be submitted in the form as attached. In addition, any Business granted an exemption will furnish to the City or its designee such information as the City or its designee may reasonably require for the purpose of determining continued performance by the Business of the conditions stated in the Exemption Ordinance and the representations made in the application.