

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6052

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. STEFANCIK

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

RESOLUTION APPROVING MELE PRINTING, INC. FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM AT 619 NORTH TYLER STREET, COVINGTON, LA 70433

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry ("BCI"), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, Mele Printing, Inc. has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption ("ITE") and seeks approval of the BCI and the Governor for a contract granting that exemption; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edwards, through Executive Order JBE 16-26, has set forth the conditions for his approval of ITE contracts, and affirmed that those conditions are in the best interest of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 provides that ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, or upon showing that the investment in construction/modernization of the facility represents a compelling basis for retention of jobs and that the percentage of exemption from ad valorem taxes, and length of the contract for such exemption, may vary depending upon the nature of the project and its economic development benefit in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish and/or municipal council, school board, and sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16- mandates that each exemption contract approved by the Governor shall include as Exhibit "A" a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the ITE between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and the applicant for the ITE contract, which provides for the creation or retention of jobs, and provides for the exercise of the option in the Louisiana Constitution for the term or percentage of the parish ad valorem tax exemption granted in the contract, and provides for the reduction or loss of the exemption based upon the applicant's compliance with the contract; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order JBE 16-26 further requires that this School Board, together with the other required local governmental entities signify consent to the terms of exemption by resolution and the sheriff of this parish shall signify consent to the terms of the exemption by letter. Executive Order JBE 16-26 further provides that the resolutions of approval and the sheriff's approval shall be attached as Exhibit "B" to the ITE contract between the BCI and Mele Printing, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mele Printing, Inc. and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development have advised that certain terms and conditions forming Exhibit "A" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract were approved by the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry have been reached and have conveyed the same to this School Board, and thus this matter is now ready for a determination of approval of this board as required by Executive Order JBE 16-26.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that the St. Tammany Parish Council finds that Mele Printing, Inc. has presented compelling evidence that as a result of the investment for which the exemption is sought, it will retain five (5) manufacturing jobs if this exemption is granted, approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract based on the inclusion of the following terms and conditions into Exhibit "A" (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement) between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and Mele Printing, Inc.) to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the

Board of Commerce and Industry and Mele Printing, Inc. with respect to its manufacturing plant located at 619 North Tyler Street, Covington, LA 70433, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana:

5 Retained Direct Jobs at the Manufacturing Establishment

\$ 150,000 Payroll

Term of Exemption Contract: 5 years at 80 % subject to renewal for 3 years at 80%.

Documentation of the investment and yearly review of employment and payroll provided that a greater than 10% reduction of jobs or payroll may result in reconsideration of the terms of the exemption including the opportunity to renew the initial five year exemption under the terms provided above.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Parish Council further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution in Exhibit "B" to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and Mele Printing, Inc.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Board of Commerce and Industry and the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 1 DAY OF JANUARY, 2018, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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MICHAEL R. LORINO, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK