

**A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION designating an
"Economic Revitalization Area" under I.C. 6-1.1-
12.1 for property commonly known as 7606
Freedom Way, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46818 (First
Gear, Inc.)**

WHEREAS, Petitioner has duly filed its petition dated April 24, 2012 to have the following described property designated and declared an "Economic Revitalization Area" under Sections 153.13-153.24 of the Municipal Code of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and I.C. 6-1.1-12.1, to wit:

Attached hereto as "Exhibit A" as if a part herein;

and

WHEREAS, said project will create eight full-time, permanent jobs for a total new, annual payroll of \$216,320, with the average new annual job salary being \$27,040 and retain 13 full-time and three part-time, permanent jobs for a total current annual payroll of \$464,608, with the average current, annual job salary being \$29,038; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$1,549,000; and

WHEREAS, it appears the said petition should be processed to final determination in accordance with the provisions of said Division 6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. That, subject to the requirements of Section 6, below, the property hereinabove described is hereby designated and declared an "Economic Revitalization Area" under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1. Said designation shall begin upon the effective date of the Confirming Resolution referred to in Section 6 of this Resolution and shall terminate on December 31, 2011, unless otherwise automatically extended in five year increments per I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-9.

SECTION 2. That, upon adoption of the Resolution:

- (a) Said Resolution shall be filed with the Allen County Assessor;
- (b) Said Resolution shall be referred to the Committee on Finance requesting a recommendation from said committee concerning the advisability of designating the above area an "Economic Revitalization Area";
- (c) Common Council shall publish notice in accordance with I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-2.5 and I.C. 5-3-1 of the adoption and substance of this resolution and setting this designation as an "Economic Revitalization Area" for public hearing

1 **SECTION 3.** That, said designation of the hereinabove described property as an
2 "Economic Revitalization Area" shall apply to a deduction of the assessed value of personal
3 property for new manufacturing equipment.

4 **SECTION 4.** That, the estimate of the number of individuals that will be employed
5 or whose employment will be retained and the estimate of the annual salaries of those
6 individuals and the estimate of the value of new manufacturing equipment, all contained in
7 Petitioner's Statement of Benefits, are reasonable and are benefits that can be reasonably
8 expected to result from the proposed described installation of new manufacturing equipment.

9 **SECTION 5.** That, the current year approximate tax rates for taxing units within
10 the City would be:

11 (a) If the proposed new manufacturing equipment is not installed, the approximate
12 current year tax rates for this site would be \$3.0261/\$100.

13 (b) If the proposed new manufacturing equipment is installed and no deduction is
14 granted, the approximate current year tax rate for the site would be
15 \$3.0261/\$100 (the change would be negligible).

16 (c) If the proposed new manufacturing equipment is installed and a deduction
17 percentage of eighty percent (80%) is assumed, the approximate current year
18 tax rate for the site would be \$3.0261/\$100 (the change would be negligible).

19 **SECTION 6.** That, this Resolution shall be subject to being confirmed, modified
20 and confirmed, or rescinded after public hearing and receipt by Common Council of the
21 above described recommendations and resolution, if applicable.

22 **SECTION 7.** That, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1, it is hereby determined that the
23 deduction from the assessed value of the new manufacturing equipment shall be for a period
24 of ten years.

25 **SECTION 8.** That, the benefits described in the Petitioner's Statement of Benefits
26 can be reasonably expected to result from the project and are sufficient to justify the
27 applicable deductions.

28 **SECTION 9.** That, the taxpayer is non-delinquent on any and all property tax due
29 to jurisdictions within Allen County, Indiana.

30 **SECTION 10.** That, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-12 et al, any property owner that
has received a deduction under section 3 or 4.5 of said chapter may be required to repay the
deduction amount as determined by the county auditor in accordance with section 12 of said
chapter if the property owner ceases operations at the facility for which the deduction was
granted and if the Common Council finds that the property owner obtained the deduction by
intentionally providing false information concerning the property owner's plans to continue
operation at the facility.

SECTION 11. That, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

Member of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Carol Helton, City Attorney



CITY OF FT WAYNE

12/2011

APR 24 2012 *emc***ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA APPLICATION
CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**

APPLICATION IS FOR: (Check appropriate box(es))

- ☐ Real Estate Improvements
☒ Personal Property Improvements
☐ Vacant Commercial or Industrial Building

Total cost of real estate improvements:

Total cost of manufacturing equipment improvements:

Total cost of research and development equipment improvements:

Total cost of logistical distribution equipment improvements:

Total cost of information technology equipment improvements:

\$1,549,000

TOTAL OF ABOVE IMPROVEMENTS:

\$1,549,000

GENERAL INFORMATIONReal property taxpayer's name: FIRST GEAR, INC.Personal property taxpayer's name: FIRST GEAR, INC.Telephone number: 260-490-3238Address listed on tax bill: 7606 FREEDOM WAY, FORT WAYNE, IN 46818Name of company to be designated, if applicable: FIRST GEAR, INC.Year company was established: 1988Address of property to be designated: 7606 FREEDOM WAY, FORT WAYNE, IN 46818Real estate property identification number: 02-07-09-452-002.000-073Contact person name: GREGORY A. LEFFLERContact person telephone number: 260-490-3238Contact person Email: greg@first-gear.comContact person address: 7606 FREEDOM WAY, FORT WAYNE, IN 46818

List company officer and/or principal operating personnel

NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Gregory A. Leffler	President	7606 Freedom Way, Fort Wayne, 46818	260-490-3238
Cindy Leffler	Vice- President	7606 Freedom Way, Fort Wayne, 46818	260-490-3238
Mike Goza	General Manager	7606 Freedom Way, Fort Wayne, 46818	260-490-3238

List all persons or firms having ten percent or more ownership interest in the applicant business and the percentage each holds:

NAME	PERCENTAGE

- ☐ Yes ☒ No Are any elected officials shareholders or holders of any debt obligation of the applicant or operating business? If yes, who? (name/title) _____
- ☒ Yes ☐ No Is the property for which you are requesting ERA designation totally within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Wayne?
- ☐ Yes ☒ No Is the property for which you are requesting ERA designation located in an Economic Development Target Area (EDTA)? (see attached map for current areas)
- ☐ Yes ☒ No Is the property for which you are requesting ERA designation located in a HUBzone? (see attached map for current areas)
- ☐ Yes ☒ No Do you plan to request state or local assistance to finance public improvements?

Describe the product or service to be produced or offered at the project site: See Attachment 1.

In order to be considered an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA), the area must be within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Wayne and must have become undesirable for, or impossible of, normal development and occupancy because of a lack of development, cessation of growth, deterioration of improvements or character of occupancy, age, obsolescence, substandard buildings, or other factors which have impaired values or prevent a normal development of property or use of property. It also includes any area where a facility or group of facilities that are technologically, economically, or energy obsolete is located and where the obsolescence may lead to a decline in employment and tax revenues.

How does the property for which you are requesting designation meet the above definition of an ERA?

See Attachment 2.

FIRST GEAR, INC.
7606 FREEDOM WAY
FORT WAYNE, IN 46818

ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA APPLICATION
CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA
MAY 2012
ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT 1

FIRST GEAR, INC. PROCESSES GEARS FOR OTHERS, USING SEVERAL TYPES OF MACHINES DEPENDING ON THE OPERATION PERFORMED. THE NEW TECHNOLOGICALLY-ADVANCED SHAPING MACHINE WILL CUT CUSTOMERS' GEARS TO PRECISE SPECIFICATIONS.

ATTACHMENT 2

FIRST GEAR, INC. IS STRIVING TO RECOVER FROM THE ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN. DURING THAT SLOWDOWN, EMPLOYEES WERE RETAINED FOR THE FUTURE EVEN THOUGH NOT WARRANTED BY CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

THE NEW SHAPING MACHINE WILL FACILITATE THE RECOVERY AND BUSINESS EXPANSION BY EFFICIENTLY CUTTING GEARS FOR NEW CUSTOMERS.

REAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

Complete this section of the application if you are requesting a deduction from assessed value for real property improvements.

Describe any structure(s) that is/are currently on the property: _____

Describe the condition of the structure(s) listed above: _____

Describe the improvements to be made to the property to be designated for tax abatement purposes: _____

Projected construction start (month/year): _____

Projected construction completion (month/year): _____

☐ Yes ☐ No Will construction result in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council?

☐ Yes ☐ No Will construction use techniques to minimize impact on combined sewer overflows? (i.e. rain gardens, bio swales, etc.)

PERSONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

Complete this section of the application if you are requesting a deduction from assessed value of new manufacturing, research and development, logistical distribution or information technology equipment.

List below the equipment for which you are seeking an economic revitalization area designation.

Manufacturing equipment must be used in the direct production, manufacture, fabrication, assembly, extraction, mining, processing, refining, or finishing of other tangible personal property at the site to be designated. Research and development equipment consists of laboratory equipment, research and development equipment, computers and computer software, telecommunications equipment or testing equipment used in research and development activities devoted directly and exclusively to experimental or laboratory research and development for new products, new uses of existing products, or improving or testing existing products at the site to be designated. Logistical distribution equipment consists of racking equipment, scanning or coding equipment, separators, conveyors, fork lifts or lifting equipment, transitional moving equipment, packaging equipment, sorting and picking equipment, software for technology used in logistical distribution, is used for the storage or distribution of goods, services, or information. Information technology equipment consists of equipment, including software used in the fields of information processing, office automation, telecommunication facilities and networks, informatics, network administration, software development and fiber optics: (use additional sheets, if necessary)

SHAPING MACHINE FOR CUTTING GEARS

☐ Yes ☒ No Has the above equipment for which you are seeking a designation, ever before been used for any purpose in Indiana? If yes, was the equipment acquired at an arms length transaction from an entity not affiliated with the applicant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☒ No Will the equipment be leased?

Equipment purchase date (month/year): MAY 2012

Equipment installation date (month/year): JUNE 2012

Please provide the depreciation schedule term for equipment under consideration for personal property tax abatement:

TERM OF DEPRECIATION - 5 OR 7 YEARS

ELIGIBLE VACANT BUILDING INFORMATION

Complete this section of the application if you are requesting a deduction from the current assessed value of a vacant building

☐ Yes ☐ No Has the building for which you are seeking designation for tax abatement been unoccupied for at least one year? Please provide evidence of occupation. (i.e. certificate of occupancy, paid utility receipts, executed lease agreements)

Describe any structure(s) that is/are currently on the property: _____

Describe the condition of the structure(s) listed above: _____

Projected occupancy date (month/year): _____

Describe the efforts of the owner or previous owner in regards to selling, leasing or renting the eligible vacant building during the period the eligible vacant building was unoccupied including how much the building was offered for sale, lease, or rent by the owner or a previous owner during the period the eligible vacant building was unoccupied.

PUBLIC BENEFIT INFORMATION

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION FOR FACILITY TO BE DESIGNATED

ESTIMATE OF EMPLOYEES AND PAYROLL FOR FORT WAYNE FACILITY REQUESTING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA DESIGNATION

Please be specific on job descriptions. To fill out information on occupation and occupation code, use data available through Occupation Employment Statistics for Fort Wayne
http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_23060.htm

Current Full-Time Employment

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll
Management	11-0000	1	85,000
Industrial Eng	17-2112	3	129,593
Machine Tool Oper.	51-4034	7	205,712
Bookkeeping/Acct Clerk	43-3031	1	32,000
CEO	11-1011	1	35,000

Retained Full-Time Employment

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll
CEO	11-1011	1	35,000
Management	11-0000	1	85,000
Industrial Eng	17-2112	3	129,593
Machine Tool Oper.	51-4034	7	205,712
Bookkeeping/Acct Clerk	43-3031	1	32,000

Additional Full-Time Employment

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll
Machine Tool Oper.	51-4034	8	216,320

PUBLIC BENEFIT INFORMATION

Current Part-Time or Temporary Jobs

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll
Machinists	51-4034	3	44,303

Retained Part-Time or Temporary Jobs

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll
Machinists	51-4034	3	44,303

Additional Part-Time or Temporary Jobs

Occupation	Occupation Code	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll

Check the boxes below if the existing jobs and the jobs to be created will provide the listed benefits:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| ☐ Pension Plan | ☒ Major Medical Plan | ☒ Disability Insurance |
| ☐ Tuition Reimbursement | ☒ Life Insurance | ☒ Dental Insurance |

List any benefits not mentioned above: VACATION, PERSONAL DAYS

When will you reach the levels of employment shown above? (month/year): DECEMBER 2017

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

The following must be attached to the application.

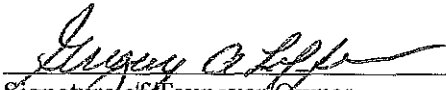
1. **Statement of Benefits Form(s) (first page/front side completed)**
2. **Full legal description of property and a plat map identifying the property boundaries. (Property tax bill legal descriptions are not sufficient.) Should be marked as Exhibit A.**
3. **Check for non-refundable application fee made payable to the City of Fort Wayne.**

ERA filing fee (either real or personal property improvements)	.1% of total project cost not to exceed \$500
ERA filing fee (both real and personal property improvements)	.1% of total project cost not to exceed \$750
ERA filing fee (vacant commercial or industrial building)	\$500
ERA filing fee in an EDTA	\$100
Amendment to extend designation period	\$300
Waiver of non compliance with ERA filing	\$500 + ERA filing fee
4. **Owner's Certificate (if applicant is not the owner of property to be designated)
Should be marked as Exhibit B if applicable.**

CERTIFICATION

I, as the legal taxpayer and/or owner, hereby certify that all information and representations made on this application and its attached exhibits are true and complete and that neither an Improvement Location Permit nor a Structural Permit has been filed for construction of improvements, nor has any manufacturing, research and development, logistical distribution or information technology equipment which is a part of this application been purchased and installed as of the date of filing of this application. I also certify that the taxpayer is not delinquent on any and all property tax due to taxing jurisdictions within Allen County, Indiana. I understand that any incorrect information on this application may result in a rescission of any tax abatements which I may receive.

I understand that I must file a correctly completed Compliance with Statement of Benefits Form (CF-1/Real Property for real property improvements and CF-1/PP for personal property improvements) with **BOTH** the City of Fort Wayne Community Development Division, **AND** the County Auditor in each year in which I receive a deduction. Failure to file the CF-1 form with either agency may result in a rescission of any tax abatement occurring as a result of this application.



 Signature of Taxpayer/Owner

Gregory A. Leffler/CEO

 Printed Name and Title of Applicant

4-24-12

 Date



STATEMENT OF BENEFITS PERSONAL PROPERTY

State Form 51764 (5-04)

Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

CITY OF FT WAYNE

FORM
SB - 1 / PP

APR 24 2012 *elmc*

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This statement must be submitted to the body designating the economic revitalization area prior to the public hearing if the designating body requires information from the applicant in making its decision about whether to designate an Economic Revitalization Area. Otherwise this statement must be submitted to the designating body **BEFORE** a person installs the new manufacturing equipment and/or research and development equipment, and/or logistical distribution equipment and/or information technology equipment for which the person wishes to claim a deduction. "Projects" planned or committed to after July 1, 1987 and areas designated after July 1, 1987 require a STATEMENT OF BENEFITS. (IC 6-1.1-12.1)
2. Approval of the designating body (City Council, Town Board, County Council, etc.) must be obtained prior to installation of the new manufacturing equipment and/or research and development equipment and/or logistical distribution equipment and/or information technology equipment, **BEFORE** a deduction may be approved
3. To obtain a deduction, Form 322 ERA/PPME and/or Form 322 ERA/PP Other, must be filed with the county auditor. Form 322 ERA/PPME and/or Form 322 ERA/PP Other must be filed between March 1 and May 15 of the assessment year in which new manufacturing equipment and/or research and development equipment and/or logistical distribution equipment and/or information technology equipment becomes assessable, unless a filing extension has been obtained. A person who obtains a filing extension must file the form between March 1 and the extended due date of that year.
4. Property owners whose Statement of Benefits was approved after June 30, 1991 must submit Form CF-1 annually to show compliance with the Statement of Benefits. (IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.6)
5. The schedules established under IC 6-1.1-12.1-4(d) and IC 6-1.1-12.1-4.5(e) effective July 1, 2000 apply to any statement of benefits filed on or after July 1, 2000. The schedules effective prior to July 1, 2000 shall continue to apply to those statement of benefits filed before July 1, 2000.

SECTION 1 TAXPAYER INFORMATION								
Name of taxpayer FIRST GEAR								
Address of taxpayer (street and number, city, state and ZIP code) 7606 FREEDOM WAY, FORT WAYNE, IN 46818								
Name of contact person GREGORY A. LEFFLER				Telephone number (260) 490-3238				
SECTION 2 LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT								
Name of designating body FORT WAYNE COMMON COUNCIL				Resolution number				
Location of property 7606 FREEDOM WAY, FORT WAYNE, IN 46818			County ALLEN	Taxing district 073 F.W. WASHINGTON				
Description of manufacturing equipment and/or research and development equipment and/or logistical distribution equipment and/or information technology equipment (use additional sheets if necessary) SHAPING MACHINE FOR CUTTING GEARS			ESTIMATED					
				Start Date	Completion Date			
			Manufacturing Equipment	5/1/2012	12/31/2017			
			R & D Equipment					
			Logist Dist Equipment *					
IT Equipment *								
SECTION 3 ESTIMATE OF EMPLOYEES AND SALARIES AS RESULT OF PROPOSED PROJECT								
Current number 16	Salaries 464,608.00	Number retained 16	Salaries 464,608.00	Number additional 8	Salaries 216,320.00			
SECTION 4 ESTIMATED TOTAL COST AND VALUE OF PROPOSED PROJECT								
NOTE: Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.1 (d) (2) the COST of the property is confidential.	Manufacturing Equipment		R & D Equipment		Logist Dist Equipment *		IT Equipment *	
	Cost	Assessed Value	Cost	Assessed Value	Cost	Assessed Value	Cost	Assessed Value
Current values	2,647,666.00	794,300.00						
Plus estimated values of proposed project	1,549,000.00	464,700.00						
Less values of any property being replaced								
Net estimated values upon completion of project	4,196,666.00	1,258,999.00						
SECTION 5 WASTE CONVERTED AND OTHER BENEFITS PROMISED BY THE TAXPAYER								
Estimated solid waste converted (pounds) _____			Estimated hazardous waste converted (pounds) _____					
Other benefits:								
SECTION 6 TAXPAYER CERTIFICATION								
I hereby certify that the representations in this statement are true.								
Signature of authorized representative <i>Gregory A. Leffler</i>					Title PRESIDENT		Date signed (month, day, year) 4-24-12	

* See IC 6-1.1-12.1-2.3.

EXHIBIT A

ZOHRAH K. TAZIAN, P.E. & L.S.
JOHN C. SAUER, L.S.
SAM L. FAUST, L.S.

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ASSOCIATES, INC.
345 WEST WAYNE STREET
SUITE 202
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA 46802
PHONES: 219/424-3232
219/424-3234 FAX

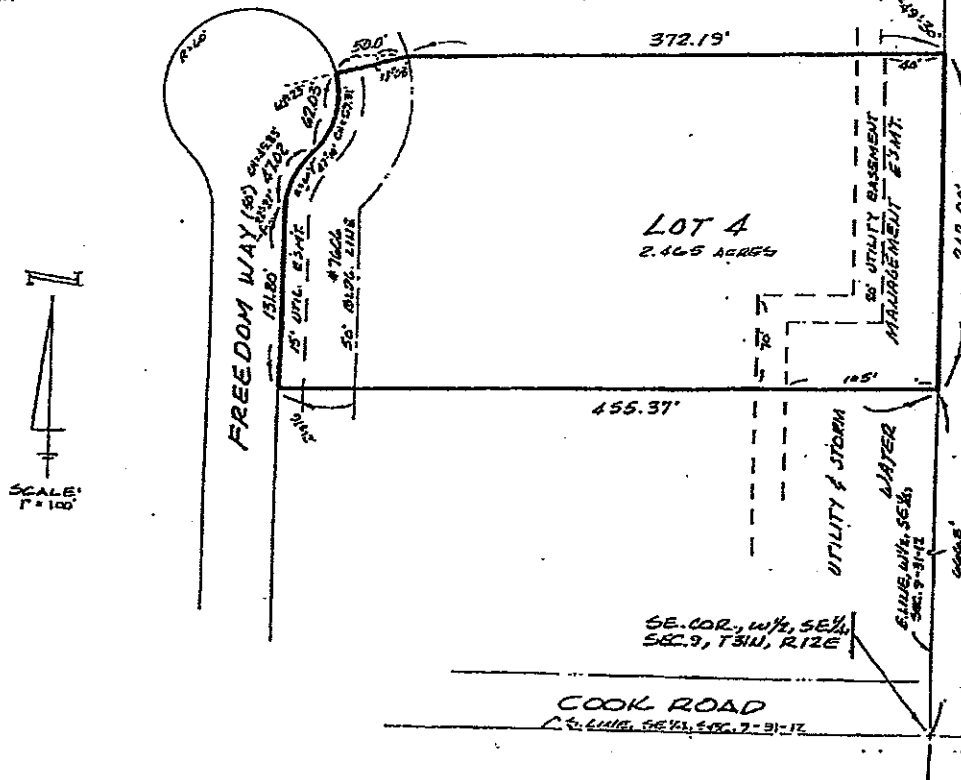
CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

This document is a record of a resurvey of land and real estate prepared in conformity with established rules of surveying and made in accordance with the records or plat on file in the Recorder's office of _____ County, State of Indiana. The land described is in full dimensions as shown hereon in feet. It is free from encroachments by adjoining land owners unless specifically stated below. Corners are perpetuated as indicated.

DESCRIPTION OF REAL ESTATE

Part of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 31 North, Range 12 East, Allen County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning on the East line of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 9, at a point situated 666.8 feet North of the Southeast corner thereof; thence North, on and along said East line, a distance of 242.0 feet; thence Westerly, by a deflection angle left of 90 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds and parallel to the South line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 372.19 feet; thence Southwesterly, by a deflection angle left of 13 degrees 00 minutes, a distance of 50.0 feet; thence Southwesterly, on and along the arc of a cul-de-sac curve having a radius of 60.0 feet, an arc distance of 62.03 feet, being subtended by a long chord having a length of 59.31 feet and deflecting left 60 degrees 23 minutes from the last described course, to the point of reverse curvature of a regular curve to the left having a radius of 60.0 feet; thence Southerly, on and along the arc of said curve, a distance of 47.02 feet, being subtended by a long chord having a length of 45.83 feet and deflecting right 07 degrees 10 minutes from the last described long chord; thence Southerly, and tangent to the last said curve, by a deflection angle left of 22 degrees 27 minutes from the last described long chord, a distance of 131.80 feet; thence East, by a deflection angle left of 91 degrees 12 minutes and parallel to said South line, a distance of 455.37 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.465 acres of land, subject to all easements of record, this tract being Lot 4 in the proposed plat of Liberty Industrial Park.



I hereby certify on the 29th day of JUNE, 1990 that the above survey is correct.
Surveyed for:
Survey No.:

[Signature]



Admn. Appr. _____

DIGEST SHEET

TITLE OF ORDINANCE: **Declaratory Resolution**

DEPARTMENT REQUESTING ORDINANCE: **Community Development Division**

SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE: **First Gear, Inc. is requesting the designation of an Economic Revitalization Area for personal property improvements in the amount of \$1,549,000. In order to expand, First Gear, Inc. will purchase and install new manufacturing equipment.**

EFFECT OF PASSAGE: **In order to grow its business and take advantage of new technology, First Gear, Inc., will purchase new manufacturing equipment for its gear manufacturing operation. Eight full-time jobs are to be created as a result of the project.**

EFFECT OF NON-PASSAGE: **Potential loss of development and eight full-time jobs**

MONEY INVOLVED (DIRECT COSTS, EXPENDITURES, SAVINGS): **No expenditures of public funds required.**

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE (PRESIDENT): **Mitch Harper and John Shoaff**

MEMORANDUM



TO: City Council

FROM: Elissa McGauley, Economic Development Specialist

DATE: May 2, 2012

RE: Request for designation by First Gear, Inc. as an ERA for personal property improvements

BACKGROUND

PROJECT ADDRESS:	7606 Freedom Way	PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN:	Not Applicable
PROJECT COST:	\$ 1,549,000	COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT:	3

COMPANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE:	First Gear, Inc. engineers, designs and manufactures gears for automotive, aerospace, medical, food and other commercial applications.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	First Gear, Inc. will purchase new manufacturing equipment.

CREATED		RETAINED	
JOBS CREATED (FULL-TIME):	8	JOBS RETAINED (FULL-TIME):	13
JOBS CREATED (PART-TIME):	0	JOBS RETAINED (PART-TIME):	3
TOTAL NEW PAYROLL:	\$ 216,320	TOTAL RETAINED PAYROLL:	\$ 464,608
AVERAGE SALARY (FULL-TIME NEW):	\$ 27,040	AVERAGE SALARY (FULL-TIME RETAINED):	\$ 37,485

COMMUNITY BENEFIT REVIEW

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Project will encourage vacant or under-utilized land appropriate for commercial or industrial use?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Real estate to be designated is consistent with land use policies of the City of Fort Wayne?

Explain: Property to be designated is zoned IN2, a general industrial zoning classification. Use of property is consistent with the land use policies of the City of Fort Wayne.

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Project encourages the improvement or replacement of a deteriorated or obsolete structure?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Project encourages the improvement or replacement of obsolete manufacturing and/or research and development and/or information technology and/or logistical distribution equipment?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Project will result in significant conversion of solid waste or hazardous waste into energy or other useful products?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Project encourages preservation of an historically or architecturally significant structure?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Construction will result in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council?

Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Construction will use techniques to minimize impact on combined sewer overflows? (i.e. rain gardens, bio swales, etc.)

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

ERA designation induces employment opportunities for Fort Wayne area residents?
Explain: Eight full-time jobs will be created as a result of the project.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Average wage of all full-time jobs to be created is at least 150% of current Federal minimum wage.

Explain: The average wage of full-time jobs created is 179% of the current Federal minimum wage rate.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Average wage of all full-time jobs to be retained is at least 150% of current Federal minimum wage.

Explain: The average wage rate of full-time jobs retained is 249% of the current Federal minimum wage rate.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Taxpayer is NOT delinquent on any or all property tax due to any taxing jurisdiction within Allen County.

POLICY

Per the policy of the City of Fort Wayne, the following guidelines apply to this project:

1. The period of deduction for personal property is ten years.

Under Fort Wayne Common Council's tax abatement policies and procedures, First Gear, Inc. is eligible for a ten year deduction on personal property improvements. Attached is a spreadsheet that shows how the application scored under the review system.

COMMENTS

Signed:

Elena McAuley
Economic Development Specialist

Personal Property Abatements

Tax Abatement Review System

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Total new investment in equipment		8
Over \$5,000,000	10	
\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	8	
\$500,000 to \$999,999	6	
\$0 to \$499,999	4	
Total number of jobs created and/or retained		0
Over 150	10	
75 to 149	8	
25 to 74	6	
10 to 24	4	
Under 10	2	
Current # of employees increases 50-99%	6	6
Current # of employees increases 100% or more	8	0
Average annual salary of full-time jobs created and/or retained are % of the Federal Minimum Wage *		7
Greater than 300% of the Federal Minimum Wage	10	
201% to 300% of the Federal Minimum Wage	7	
151% to 200% of the Federal Minimum Wage	3	
150% of the Federal Minimum Wage	1	
Health insurance provided by the company	5	5
Project involves reinvestment at current location of a business	10	10
Project involves new or startup business	5	0
Construction uses green building techniques (le LEED Certification)	5	0
Construction uses techniques to minimize impact on Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)	2	0
Project is located in a HUBzone	10	0
Total		36

7 to 11 Points - Three Year Abatement
12 to 16 Points - Five Year Abatement
17 to 23 Points - Seven Year Abatement
24 to 60 Points - Ten Year Abatement

* If Average annual salary of the full-time jobs created by listed occupation is 10% or greater than the average salary for Allen County using current occupational employment statistics, then the applicant is eligible for an alternate deduction schedule.

10 Year

Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	90%
Year 7	80%
Year 8	65%
Year 9	50%
Year 10	40%

7 Year

Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	71%
Year 7	43%