

**A CONFIRMING RESOLUTION designating an
"Economic Revitalization Area" under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1
for property commonly known as 9107 Yeager Lane,
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46809 (Smith Brothers of Berne,
Inc.)**

WHEREAS, Common Council has previously designated and declared by Declaratory Resolution the following described property as 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 70 full-time, permanent jobs for a total created, annual payroll of \$3,304,050, with the average created annual job salary being \$47,200 and retain 20 full-time, permanent jobs for a total retained annual payroll of \$809,266, with the average retained, annual job salary being \$40,463; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated project cost is \$1,211,961; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been received from the Committee on Finance on said Resolution; and

WHEREAS, notice of the adoption and substance of said Resolution has been published in accordance with I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-2.5 and I.C. 5-3-1 and a public hearing has been conducted on said Resolution; and

WHEREAS, if said Resolution involves an area that has already been designated an allocation area under I.C. 36-7-14-39, The Fort Wayne Redevelopment Commission has adopted a Resolution approving the designation.

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

SECTION 1. That, the Resolution previously designating the above described property as an "Economic Revitalization Area" is confirmed in all respects.

SECTION 2. That, the hereinabove described property is hereby declared an "Economic Revitalization Area" pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1, said designation to begin on the effective date of this Resolution and shall terminate on December 31, 2026, unless otherwise automatically extended in five year increments per I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-9.

SECTION 3. That, said designation of the hereinabove described property as an "Economic Revitalization Area" shall apply to a deduction of the assessed value of personal property for new manufacturing, logistical distribution and informational technology equipment improvements to be made between May 15, 2022 and October 15, 2023. Should any delays occur, an updated timeframe will be communicated to the Allen County Assessor and Allen County Auditor by Community Development staff in writing.

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

SECTION 5. The current year approximate tax rates for taxing units within the City would be:

- (a) If the proposed new manufacturing, logistical distribution and informational technology equipment is not installed, the approximate current year tax rates for this site would be \$3.1458/\$100.
- (b) If the proposed new manufacturing, logistical distribution and informational technology equipment is installed and no deduction is granted, the approximate current year tax rate for the site would be \$3.1458/\$100 (the change would be negligible).
- (c) If the proposed new manufacturing, logistical distribution and informational technology equipment is installed, and a deduction percentage of eighty percent (80%) is assumed, the approximate current year tax rate for the site would be \$3.1458/\$100 (the change would be negligible).

SECTION 6. Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1, it is hereby determined that the deduction from the assessed value of the new manufacturing, logistical distribution and informational technology equipment shall be for a period of ten years.

SECTION 7. The deduction schedule from the assessed value of new manufacturing, logistical distribution and informational technology equipment pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-17 shall look like this:

Year of Deduction	Percentage
1	100%
2	90%
3	80%
4	70%
5	60%
6	50%
7	40%
8	30%
9	20%
10	10%
11	0%

SECTION 8. The benefits described in the Petitioner's Statement of Benefits can be reasonably expected to result from the project and are sufficient to justify the applicable deductions.

SECTION 9. For new manufacturing, logistical distribution and informational technology equipment, a deduction application must contain a performance report showing the extent to which

1 there has been compliance with the Statement of Benefits form approved by the Fort Wayne
2 Common Council at the time of filing. This report must be submitted to the Allen County Auditor's
3 Office, and the City of Fort Wayne's Community Development Division and must be included with
4 the deduction application. For subsequent years, the performance report must be updated and
submitted along with the deduction application at the time of filing.

5 **SECTION 10.** The performance report must contain the following information

- 6 (a) The cost and description of real property improvements and/or new
manufacturing equipment acquired.
- 7 (b) The number of employees hired through the end of the preceding calendar year
8 as a result of the deduction.
- 9 (c) The total salaries of the employees hired through the end of the preceding
calendar year as a result of the deduction.
- 10 (d) The total number of employees employed at the facility receiving the deduction.
- 11 (e) The total assessed value of the real and/or personal property deductions.
- 12 (f) The tax savings resulting from the real and/or personal property being abated.

13 **SECTION 11.** That, the taxpayer is non-delinquent on any and all property tax due to
jurisdictions within Allen County, Indiana.

14 **SECTION 12.** 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
15 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
16 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.

17 **SECTION 13.** That, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its
18 passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

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Member of Council

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23 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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DIGEST SHEET

TITLE OF ORDINANCE: **Confirming Resolution**

DEPARTMENT REQUESTING ORDINANCE: **Community Development Division**

SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE: **This is to confirm the designation of an Economic Revitalization Area for Smith Brothers of Berne, Inc. for eligible personal property improvements. Smith Brothers of Berne, Inc. is expanding its production to Fort Wayne, IN and will occupy a building constructed to shell finish and vacant since 2019. Smith Brothers of Berne, Inc. will purchase and install new manufacturing, logistical distribution and information technology equipment.**

EFFECT OF PASSAGE: **Investment of \$1,211,961, the retention of 20 full-time permanent jobs with an annual payroll of \$809,266 and the creation of 70 new full-time permanent jobs with an annual payroll of \$3,304,050.**

EFFECT OF NON-PASSAGE: **Potential loss of investment, the retention of 20 full-time permanent jobs with an annual payroll of \$809,266 and the creation of 70 new full-time permanent jobs with an annual payroll of \$3,304,050.**

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

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE (CO-CHAIRS): **Sharon Tucker and Russ Jehl**