

CHAPTER 886

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CROSS REFERENCES

Community reinvestment - see Ohio R.C. 3735.65 et seq.

886.01 HOUSING OFFICER.

The Mayor or the Mayor's designee shall serve as the "Housing Officer" for all "community reinvestment areas" established by resolution of Council, and the Housing Officer is authorized and directed to administer and implement Sections 3735.65 to 3735.69 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Housing Officer shall also verify the construction of a new structure and shall determine whether the costs of remodeling meet the requirements for an

exemption under Section 3735.67 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15.)

886.02 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA PROGRAM.

(a) The City of Bexley shall utilize the procedures described under Section 3735.65 to 3735.69 of the Ohio Revised Code in review of proposals for the establishment of new

Community Reinvestment Areas .

(b) The Housing Officer shall forward each such proposal, which satisfies the requirements of the state statute in all particulars, to City Council for consideration. Each proposal shall be accompanied by legislation pursuant to Section 3735.66 of the Ohio Revised Code and recommendation for approval or disapproval from the Housing Officer.

(c) The legislation prepared pursuant to Section 3735.66 of the Ohio Revised Code shall describe the boundaries of the Community Reinvestment Area under consideration, establish that conditions described under Division (B) of Section 3735.65 of the Ohio Revised Code exist in the area and establish the amount and period of tax exemptions within the limits authorized by Section 3735.67 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Tax Incentive Program, Policy and Procedures Plan as adopted by Council. Legislation adopted and approved pursuant to this subsection shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation once a week for two consecutive weeks immediately following its adoption as required by Section 3735.66 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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886.03 APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION.

The owner of eligible real property located in a Community Reinvestment Area may file an application for an exemption

from real property taxation for a new structure or remodeling completed after the effective date of the legislation adopted pursuant to Section 886.02(c) (for residential properties) or after the execution of a written Community Reinvestment Area Agreement pursuant to Section 886.08 (for commercial and industrial properties) with the Housing Officer.

(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15.)

886.04 VERIFICATION BY HOUSING OFFICER.

The Housing Officer shall verify the construction of the new structure or the cost of remodeling and the facts asserted in the application. The Housing Officer shall determine whether the construction or the cost of remodeling meets the requirements for an exemption. In cases involving a structure of historical or architectural significance, the Housing Officer shall not determine whether the remodeling meets the requirements for a tax exemption unless the appropriateness of the remodeling has been certified, in writing, by the society, association, agency, or legislative authority that has designated the structure or by any organization or person authorized, in writing, by such society, association, agency, legislative authority to certify the appropriateness of the remodeling.

(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15.)

886.05 FILING OF APPLICATIONS WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR.

The Housing Officer shall forward applications which meet the requirements for the exemption to the Franklin County Auditor with a certification as to the division of Section 3735.67 of the Ohio Revised Code under which the exemption is granted and the period of the exemption as determined by the legislative authority by legislation pursuant to Section 886.02(c).

(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15.)

886.06 TAX EXEMPTION.

For residential projects, the tax exemption shall first apply in the tax year in which the exemption application described in Section 886.03 is filed by the property owner. For commercial projects, the tax exemption shall first apply in the first tax year for which the new construction or remodeling would first be taxable but for the CRA exemption. If the remodeling qualifies for an exemption under Section 886.08, during the period of exemption the dollar amount by which the remodeling increased the market value of the structure shall be exempt from real property taxation. If the construction of a new structure qualifies for an exemption under Section 886.08, the assessed value of the new structure shall be exempt from real property taxation.

(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15.)

886.07 FEES.

All commercial and industrial projects are required to comply with the State of Ohio application fee requirements under Section 3735.672(C) of the Ohio Revised Code and the local processing fees outlined pursuant to legislation and in the Tax Incentive Program, Policy and Procedures Plan as adopted by Council.

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886.08 DECLARATION OF PUBLIC PURPOSE.

The construction of new structures and the remodeling of existing structures are hereby declared to be a public purpose for which exemptions from real property taxation may be granted in accordance with this Section 886.

(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15.)

886.081 MAIN STREET RE/DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.

(a) Within the Main Street Re/Development District Community Reinvestment Area, as described in and established by Ordinance 68-02, only (i) residential properties, and (ii) commercial properties for mixed-use development consisting of any combination of residential, commercial and retail uses including hotel, conference center and lodging facilities; corporate headquarters; high technology, computer and other information-based operations are eligible to apply for tax exemption. To apply for the tax exemptions, the properties must be consistent with the applicable zoning regulations, municipal plans for development or redevelopment, and the Main Street Design Guidelines.

(b) For commercial properties for mixed-use development (as described above), exemptions shall be available for new construction and remodeling of existing structures, and shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis in advance of construction, all in accordance with Section 3735.67 of the Ohio Revised Code and generally consistent with the Tax Incentive Program, Policy and Procedures Plan adopted by Council. The results of the negotiation of any exemption shall be set forth in writing in a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement pursuant to and in accordance with Section 3735.671 of the Ohio Revised Code, each of which shall be approved by City Council.

(c) All residential new construction properties shall be eligible for tax exemptions for the increase in the assessed

valuation resulting from the improvements as described in Section 3735.67 of the Ohio Revised Code under the schedule described below:

(1) Average Investment of \$250,000 per unit or less, with a average unit square footage of 1,500 square feet or more: 15 year, 100% per year.

(2) Average Investment in excess of \$250,000 per unit: 15 year, 70% per year.

(d) Such exemptions shall be granted upon application by the property owner and certification thereof by the Housing Officer. For purposes of the Main Street Re Development District Community Reinvestment Area, residential properties include stand-alone residential

buildings, residential properties that are part of a multiple-unit residential building, common area or limited common area portions of multiple-unit residential buildings, residential properties that are part of a mixed-use building, and common area or limited common area portions of a mixed-use building that may be used only for the benefit of the residential properties within the mixed-used building.

No industrial properties shall be eligible for exemption.

(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15.)

886.082 NORTH CASSADY /DELMAR DRIVE RE/DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.

(a) Within the North Cassady/Delmar Drive Re/Development District Community Reinvestment Area, as described in and established by Ordinance 71-06, new construction and/or remodeling of all structures, whether residential, commercial or industrial with a minimum investment of \$25,000 are eligible to apply for tax exemption. To apply for the tax exemptions, the properties must be consistent with the applicable zoning regulations.

(b) For commercial and industrial properties, exemptions shall be available for new construction and remodeling of existing structures, and shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis in advance of construction, all in accordance with Section 3735.67 of the Ohio Revised Code and generally consistent with the Tax Incentive Program, Policy and Procedures Plan adopted by City Council. The percentage of exemption for commercial and industrial projects is set forth in the schedule below. The results of the negotiation of any exemption shall be set forth in writing in a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement pursuant to and in accordance with Section 3735.671 of the Ohio Revised Code, each of which shall be approved by City Council.

(c) All residential new construction and/or remodeling shall be eligible for tax exemptions for the increase in the assessed valuation resulting from the improvements as described in O.R.C. Section 3735.67 as under the schedule described below. For purposes of the North Cassady/Delmar Drive Re Development District Community Reinvestment Area, residential properties include stand-alone residential buildings, residential properties that are part of a multiple-unit residential building, common area or limited common area portions of multiple-unit residential buildings, residential properties that are part of a mixed-use building, and common area or limited common area portions of a mixed-use building that may be used only for the benefit of the residential properties within the mixed-used building.

Exemption Terms and Percentages For North Cassady/Delmar Drive Re-Development District Community Reinvestment Area

| Project Type | % Abated | Maximum Term |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 & 2-Family Dwelling-Remodeling | 50% | 5 years |
| 3+ Family Dwelling-Remodeling | 50% | 5 years |
| Commercial/Industrial Remodeling | 75% | 10 years |
| 1 & 2 -Family New Construction | 50% | 10 years |
| 3+Family New Construction | 50% | 10 years |
| Commercial/Industrial New Construction | 75% | 10 years |
| Mixed Use New Construction | 75% | 12 years |

(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15.)

886.083 SOUTHWEST BEXLEY COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.

(a) Within the Southwest Bexley Community Reinvestment Area, to be described in the ordinance establishing such Community Reinvestment Area, new construction and/or remodeling of all structures, whether residential, commercial or industrial with a minimum investment which is the lesser of \$25,000, or 25% of the Franklin County Auditor's valuation of the land and improvements as of the date of the certificate of occupancy of the improvements, are eligible to apply for tax exemption. To apply for tax exemptions, properties must be consistent with the applicable zoning regulations.

(b) For commercial and industrial properties, exemptions shall be available for new construction and remodeling of existing structures, and shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis in advance of construction, all in accordance with Section 3735.67 of the Ohio Revised Code and generally consistent with the Tax Incentive Program, Policy and Procedures Plan adopted by City Council. The percentage of exemption for commercial and industrial projects shall be negotiated on a

case-by-case basis, subject to approval by City Council. The results of the negotiation of any exemption shall be set forth in writing in a Community Reinvestment Area agreement pursuant to and in accordance with Section 3735.671 of the Ohio Revised Code, each of which shall be approved by City Council.

(c) All residential new construction and/or remodeling shall be eligible for tax exemptions for the increase in the assessed valuation resulting from the improvements as described in O.R.C. Section 3735.67 as under the schedule described below. For purposes of the Southwest Bexley Community Reinvestment Area residential properties include stand-alone residential buildings, residential properties that are part of a multiple-unit residential building, common area or limited common area portions of multiple-unit residential buildings, residential properties that are part of a mixed-use building, and common area or limited common area portions of a mixed-use building that may be used only for the benefit of the residential properties within the mixed-use building.

Exemption Terms and Percentages for Southwest Bexley Community Reinvestment Area

| Project Type | % Abated | Maximum Term |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Residential-Remodeling | 50% | 10 years |
| Residential-Remodeling (for projects meeting the Affordable Housing requirements) | 100% | 15 years |
| Residential-New Construction | 75% | 15 years |
| Residential-New Construction (for projects meeting the Affordable Housing requirements) | 100% | 15 years |
| Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use Remodeling & New Construction | Case-by-Case | Case-by-Case |

(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15; Ord. 12-19. Passed 5-14-19.)

886.09 ANNUAL INSPECTIONS.

The Housing Officer shall make annual inspections of the properties within the Community Reinvestment Area upon which are located new structures or remodeling for which an exemption has been granted. If the Housing Officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the owner, the Housing Officer may revoke the tax exemption at any time after the first year of exemption. The Housing Officer shall notify the Franklin County Auditor and the owner of the property that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the Housing Officer revokes a tax exemption, the Housing Officer shall send a report of the revocation to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council established pursuant to this chapter below containing a statement of the Housing Officer's findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property and the Housing Officer's reason revoking the exemption.

(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15.)

886.10 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA COUNCIL.

(a) A Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council shall be appointed for each Community Reinvestment Area, pursuant to Section 3735.69 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Council shall be composed of two members appointed by the Mayor, two members appointed by the Council, and one member appointed by the Board of Zoning and Planning. The majority of the foregoing members shall then appoint two additional members who shall be residents within the area. Terms of the members shall be for three years. Unexpired terms resulting from a vacancy in the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment was made. (Ord. 29-16. Passed 11-15-16.)

(b) The Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council shall make an annual inspection of the properties within the Community Reinvestment Area for which an exemption has been granted. The Council shall also hear appeals under Section 886.12, pursuant to Section 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15.)

886.11 TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL.

A Tax Incentive Review Council shall be established pursuant to Section 5709.85 of the Ohio Revised Code, and shall consist of three members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, two representatives of the City, appointed by the Mayor with Council concurrence, the County Auditor or designee and a representative of the Bexley Board of Education. At least two members shall be residents of the City. The Tax Incentive Review Council shall review annually the compliance of all agreements involving the granting of exemptions for commercial or industrial real property improvements under Section 3735.671 of the Ohio Revised Code and make written recommendations to this Council as to continuing, modifying or terminating said agreement based upon the performance of the agreement.(Ord. 63-14. Passed 10-27-15.)

886.12 APPEALS BY AGGRIEVED PERSONS.

Any person aggrieved under this chapter may appeal to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council, which shall

have the authority to overrule any decision of the Housing Officer. Appeals may be taken from a decision of the Council to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

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