

24R-12

PETITIONER(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
Department of Planning & Development  
Mayor's Office of Economic Development

SPONSOR(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member: Barry Tyler, Jr. (District 3)

RESOLUTION NO.: 24R. - 12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL GRANTING HAMMOND SWANEL, INC.  
AN ASSESSED VALUATION DEDUCTION (TAX ABATEMENT) FOR QUALIFIED TANGIBLE REAL PROPERTY  
PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1**

**WHEREAS,** Deduction for Rehabilitated or Redevelopment of Real Property in Economic Revitalization Areas is authorized under Indiana Code ("IC") 6-1.1-12.1 *et seq.*, (the "Act") in the form of deductions of assessed value for the qualified real property improvements, the installation of qualified tangible personal property, and/or the occupation of an eligible vacant building that results from development, redevelopment and rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Resolution No. 24R.-11 (the "Declaratory Resolution") approved on June 10, 2024, as confirmed by Resolution No. 24R.- 10 50 (the "Confirmatory Resolution") approved on June 24, 2024, the Common Council designated and established a certain area located within the City as an economic revitalization area, the Swanel Economic Revitalization Area (the "Swanel ERA"); and

**WHEREAS,** The Declaratory Resolution and Confirmatory Resolution remain in full force and effect; and

**WHEREAS,** Swanel, Inc. (the "Company") filed with the Mayor's Office of Economic Development and the City a Statements of Benefits Real Property Improvements (FORM SB-1/RE) dated June 4, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as EXHIBIT A and is made a part hereof as incorporated herein, proposing real property improvements, more specifically related to the construction and occupation of a new production facility and company headquarters to be located on 3.924 acres of land (712 Highland Street with the PIN: 45-06-01-278-001.000-023 and 6044 Erie Avenue with the PIN: 45-06-01-278-002.000-023), anticipated to cost \$7,000,000 (the "Project") and estimated to be completed by the January 1, 2026 assessment date for full assessment by the Office of the Lake County, Indiana Assessor; and

**WHEREAS,** A Statements of Benefits Real Property (FORM SB-1/RE) was submitted to the Common Council as the designating body before and prior to the construction, renovation, redevelopment, rehabilitation or installation of real property improvements related to the Project for which the Company desires to request an assessed valuation deduction; and

**WHEREAS,** The Company's facility located at located at 712 Highland Street with the PIN: 45-06-01-278-001.000-023 and 6044 Erie Avenue with the PIN: 45-06-01-278-002.000-023 is within the boundaries of the duly designated Swanel ERA effective June 24, 2024; and therefore, the Common Council may make a determination pursuant to Section 3(b) of the Act based upon the evidence as to whether Company shall be allowed an assessed valuation deduction of qualified real property improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the actions of the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana are based upon the evidence as presented by the Company after review of the Statement of Benefits (FORM SB-1/RE) as well as other pertinent information provided by the Department of Planning and Development and the Mayor's Office of Economic Development including the following findings pursuant to Section 3(b) of the Act, such that:

- (1) The Project and the estimates and expectations contained in the FORM SB-1/RE are reasonable for a project of its nature;

- (2) The estimated number of individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can reasonably be expected to result from the Project;
- (3) The estimated annual salaries of those individuals who will be employed or whose employment will be retained can reasonably be expected to result from the Project; and
- (4) The totality of the benefits is sufficient to justify an assessed valuation deduction on the Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Common Council has determined that the Project is not currently located within a designated allocation area of the Hammond Redevelopment District established pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Common Council hereby grants an assessed valuation deduction (Tax Abatement) from qualified tangible real property for a period of **ten (10) years** to **Swanel, Inc.** in accordance with Section 3(c) and Section 17(b) of the Act as it relates to the Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Common Council hereby grants an assessed valuation deduction (Tax Abatement) from qualified tangible real property with an abatement schedule provided below pursuant Section 17(b) of the Act consistent with the above abatement period as it relates to the Project.

<b>Approved Abatement Schedule, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-17(b)</b>			
<i>NOTE: Assessment Dates are anticipated based upon the FORM SB-1/Real. Year One of the Abatement Period shall be the first Assessment Date proceeding the date of full (100%) assessment, which may vary from the Assessment Dates identified below.</i>			
<b>Year One (1):</b> January 1, 2026	<b>100%</b>	<b>Year Six (6):</b> January 1, 2031	<b>50%</b>
<b>Year Two (2):</b> January 1, 2027	<b>100%</b>	<b>Year Seven (7):</b> January 1, 2032	<b>40%</b>
<b>Year Three (3):</b> January 1, 2028	<b>80%</b>	<b>Year Eight (8):</b> January 1, 2033	<b>30%</b>
<b>Year Four (4):</b> January 1, 2029	<b>70%</b>	<b>Year Nine (9):</b> January 1, 2034	<b>20%</b>
<b>Year Five (5):</b> January 1, 2030	<b>60%</b>	<b>Year Ten (10):</b> January 1, 2035	<b>10%</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the calculation and determination of the amount of assessed valuation deduction of the Project for tangible real property shall be based upon the Project investment and limited to first year of full assessment of new improvements, anticipated to be January 1, 2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the final determination of the amount of assessed valuation deduction of the Project for tangible real property shall be made by the appropriate Lake County, Indiana assessing agency, review board or State of Indiana agency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that having received the consent of the Company and in accordance with Section 14(b) of the Act, a copy of which is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT B** and is made a part hereof as incorporated herein, and pursuant to Section 14 of the Act for each year the Company's tangible real property tax liability is reduced by an assessed valuation deduction related specifically to the Project, the Company shall pay to the Lake County, Indiana Treasurer a fee in the amount computed and determined by the Lake County, Indiana Auditor pursuant to the provisions of Section 14(c) of the Act (the "Imposed Fee") such that:

- (1) The Common Council hereby determines that **fifteen percent (15%)** shall be the percentage to be applied by the Lake County, Indiana Auditor for purposes of STEP TWO of Section 14(c) of the Act; and
- (2) Accordingly, for each year the Imposed Fee is payable by the Company, the Imposed Fee shall be equal to the lesser of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) or fifteen percent (15%) of the additional amount of real property taxes that would have been paid by the Company during that year if the deductions approved in this Resolution had not been in effect (i.e., 15% of the Company's tangible real property tax savings attributable to a deduction from the assessed valuation as a result of the Project); and

- (3) The Imposed Fee as collected shall be distributed to the **City of Hammond Redevelopment Commission** as a public entity established to promote economic development within the corporate limits of the City as determined by the Common Council as the designating body.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the Company does not meet the minimum real property investments, employment and salary conditions identified in the FORM SB-1/RE as approved by this Resolution, pursuant to Section 5.9, Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of the Act and in accordance with the City of Hammond, Indiana's Clawback Provisions attached hereto under **EXHIBIT C**, the City may by resolution terminate the provisions of this Resolution and the assessed valuation deduction with notice to reimburse all overlapping taxing all prior year deductions found to be in non-compliance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the City is hereby directed to file with the Office of the Lake County, Indiana Auditor the following information as it applies to this Resolution and the approval of the Company's assessed valuation deduction:

- (1) The FORM SB-1/RE, as approved, properly completed consistent with this Resolution and as signed and attested by the appropriate City officials;
- (2) A certified copy of this Resolution; and
- (3) A copy of the meeting minutes which approved this Resolution and the FORM SB-1/RE.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the City is hereby directed to file with the Office of the Lake County, Indiana Assessor the following information as it applies to this Resolution and the approval of the Company's assessed valuation deduction:

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- (2) A certified copy of this Resolution; and
- (3) A copy of the meeting minutes which approved this Resolution and the FORM SB-1/RE.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any part, clause, or portion of this Resolution shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of this Resolution as a whole or any other part, clause, or portion of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption by the City Common Council and upon the signature of the Mayor of the City as the executive of the City.

**See Signature Page**


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SIGNATURE PAGE

CITY OF HAMMOND, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL



Scott Rakos, President

ATTEST:



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk  
City of Hammond, Indiana.

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond to the Mayor of said City  
for his approval on the 25th day of June, 2024.



Robert J. Golec, City Clerk

The foregoing Resolution No. R12 consisting of (7) typewritten pages, including this page  
was Approved by the Mayor on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.



Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor  
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the City of Hammond Common Council on the 24th day of June, 2024  
and Approved by the Mayor on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.



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**EXHIBIT A**

Statements of Benefits Real Property Improvements (FORM SB-1/RE):  
Swanel, Inc. & Highland Street LLC dated August 27, 2020

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**STATEMENT OF BENEFITS  
REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS**

State Form 51767 (R7 / 1-21)  
Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

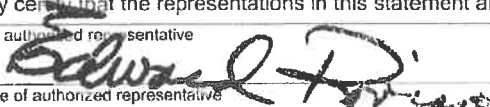
<b>EXHIBIT A</b>
20 <u>23</u> PAY 20 <u>24</u>
FORM SB-1 / Real Property
<b>PRIVACY NOTICE</b>
Any information concerning the cost of the property and specific salaries paid to individual employees by the property owner is confidential per IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.1.

This statement is being completed for real property that qualifies under the following Indiana Code (check one box):

- Redevelopment or rehabilitation of real estate improvements (IC 6-1.1-12.1-4)
- Residentially distressed area (IC 6-1.1-12.1-4.1)

**INSTRUCTIONS.**

- 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** the redevelopment or rehabilitation of real property for which the person wishes to claim a deduction.
- The statement of benefits form must be submitted to the designating body and the area designated an economic revitalization area before the initiation of the redevelopment or rehabilitation for which the person desires to claim a deduction.
- To obtain a deduction, a Form 322/RE must be filed with the county auditor before May 10 in the year in which the addition to assessed valuation is made or not later than thirty (30) days after the assessment notice is mailed to the property owner if it was mailed after April 10. A property owner who failed to file a deduction application within the prescribed deadline may file an application between January 1 and May 10 of a subsequent year.
- A property owner who files for the deduction must provide the county auditor and designating body with a Form CF-1/Real Property. The Form CF-1/Real Property should be attached to the Form 322/RE when the deduction is first claimed and then updated annually for each year the deduction is applicable. IC 6-1.1-12.1-5.1(b)
- For a Form SB-1/Real Property that is approved after June 30, 2013, the designating body is required to establish an abatement schedule for each deduction allowed. For a Form SB-1/Real Property that is approved prior to July 1, 2013, the abatement schedule approved by the designating body remains in effect. IC 6-1.1-12.1-17

SECTION 1		TAXPAYER INFORMATION			
Name of taxpayer <b>Swanel Inc. &amp; Highland Street LLC</b>					
Address of taxpayer (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) <b>6044 Erie Avenue Hammond, IN 46320</b>					
Name of contact person <b>Ed Roviario</b>		Telephone number <b>( 219 ) 932-7676</b>	E-mail address <b>edroviario@swanel.com</b>		
SECTION 2		LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT			
Name of designating body <b>Hammond Common Council</b>				Resolution number <b>247-12</b>	
Location of property <b>6044 Erie - 712 Highland .</b>		County <b>Lake</b>	DLGF taxing district number <b>023</b>		
Description of real property improvements, redevelopment, or rehabilitation (use additional sheets if necessary) <b>Expansion of facilities to including a new production facility and corporate headquarter</b>				Estimated start date (month, day, year) <b>July 2024</b>	
				Estimated completion date (month, day, year) <b>March 2025</b>	
SECTION 3		ESTIMATE OF EMPLOYEES AND SALARIES AS RESULT OF PROPOSED PROJECT			
Current Number <b>42.00</b>	Salaries <b>\$3,857,054.00</b>	Number Retained <b>42.00</b>	Salaries <b>\$3,857,054.00</b>	Number Additional <b>5.00</b>	Salaries <b>\$187,200.00</b>
SECTION 4		ESTIMATED TOTAL COST AND VALUE OF PROPOSED PROJECT			
		REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS			
		COST		ASSESSED VALUE	
Current values		1,367,337.00		597,100.00	
Plus estimated values of proposed project		7,000,000.00		2,500,000.00	
Less values of any property being replaced		0.00		0.00	
Net estimated values upon completion of project		8,167,337.00		3,097,100.00	
SECTION 5		WASTE CONVERTED AND OTHER BENEFITS PROMISED BY THE TAXPAYER			
Estimated solid waste converted (pounds) <b>0.00</b>		Estimated hazardous waste converted (pounds) <b>0.00</b>			
Other benefits <b>Swanel/Highland Street LLC purchased vacant structure at 712 Highland, demolished that structure and will construct a new production and headquarters facility.</b>					
SECTION 6		TAXPAYER CERTIFICATION			
I hereby certify that the representations in this statement are true.					
Signature of authorized representative 				Date signed (month, day, year) <b>06/04/2024</b>	
Printed name of authorized representative <b>Edward Roviario</b>			Title <b>CEO/President</b>		

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**EXHIBIT B**

Imposed Fee Consent Letter:  
Swanel Inc. & Highland Street LLC

*Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-14(b)*

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**EXHIBIT B**

June 14, 2024

Juan J. Moreno  
Director of Economic Development  
Mayor's Office of Economic Development  
5925 Calumet Avenue, Room 328  
Hammond, Indiana 46320

Dear Mr. Moreno:

Swanel, Inc., as owner of real property located at 6044 Erie Avenue with the PIN: 45-06-01-278-002.000-023 and Highland Street LLC (together the "Company") as the owner of real property located at 712 Highland Street with the PIN: 45-06-01-278-001.000-023 have submitted a **FORM SB-1/Real Property (Statement of Benefits)** dated June 4, 2024 to the Mayor's Office of Economic Development for submission to and consideration by the City of Hammond, Indiana (the "City") Common Council, as the designating body, for approval of an assessed valuation deduction ("Tax Abatement") consents to the imposition of a fee (the "Imposed Fee") pursuant to Indiana Code ("IC") 6-1.1-12.1-14.

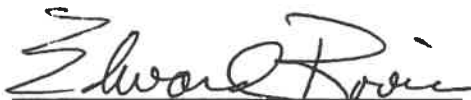
The Company understands that the City's Common Council will incorporate the following statements into a resolution as its approval of the Company's statement of benefits and assessed valuation deduction for qualified real property improvements identified in the FORM SB-1/Real Property:


- 1) The Common Council's intent to subject the Company to an Imposed Fee pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1-14(b);
- 2) The percentage to be applied by the Lake County Auditor for purposes of STEP TWO of IC 6-1.1-12.1-14(c), which may not exceed fifteen percent (15%) and which shall remain in effect throughout the term of the assessed valuation deduction; and
- 3) The one or more public or nonprofit entities established to promote economic development within the City served by the City Common Council as the designating body identified to receive distributions of the Imposed Fee and the proportions of those distributions by the Lake County Auditor

The Company understands that for each year in which its property tax liability is reduced as the result of the application of a real property assessed valuation deduction pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1-3, the Company shall pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1-14 pay to the Lake County, Indiana Treasurer upon notification the Imposed Fee in an amount calculated by the Lake County, Indiana Auditor for distribution to the one or more public or nonprofit entities as designated by the City's Common Council. The Company shall pay the Imposed Fee within 30 days of notification.

Furthermore the Company understands that pursuant to IC 6-1.1-12.1-14(e), if the City's Common Council determines that the Company has not paid the Imposed Fee in accordance with IC 6-1.1-12.1-14, the Common Council may adopt a resolution terminating the Company's assessed valuation deduction under Sections 3. And, if the Common Council adopts such a resolution, the assessed valuation deduction previously approved under Sections 3 as now terminated does not apply to the next installment of property taxes owed by the Company or to any subsequent installment of property taxes.

Very truly yours,

  
Signature

  
Print Name  
PRESIDENT



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**EXHIBIT C**

City of Hammond, Indiana Clawback Provision

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**Hammond, Indiana  
City of Hammond**

**Assessed Valuation Deductions (Tax Abatement):  
Claw Back Provision**

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**The Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana (the “City”) has prepared the following Claw Back Provision in the event an entity to which an assessed valuation deduction (Tax Abatement) pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12-1 is approved vis-à-vis a FORM SB-1 or other form for which assessed valuation deductions are approved by Common Council official action and is found to be non-compliant in accordance with Indiana Code 6-1.1-12-1-5.9.**

**SECTION I.** If an approved assessed valuation deduction applicant does not obtain or meet any one of the following criteria as identified on an approved FORM SB-1:

- Ninety percent (90%) of the level of salaries of retained and additional employees because of a project identified in Section 2 of an approved Statement of Benefits as set forth in Section 3 within the time frame (the “Estimated Completion Date”) set forth in the same Statement of Benefits; and
- Ninety percent (90%) of the number of retained and additional employees because of a project identified in Section 2 of an approved Statement of Benefits as set forth in Section 3 within the time frame (the “Estimated Completion Date”) set forth in the same Statement of Benefits;
- Ninety percent (90%) of the cost of tangible property because of a project identified in Section 2 of an approved Statement of Benefits as set forth in Section 4 within the time frame (the “Estimated Completion Date”) set forth in the same Statement of Benefits;
- Reasonably accommodate the City resident employment commitment required by City ordinance (Ordinance No. 8171, as adopted and passed on April 12, 1999, as may be amended, more specifically Section 1) that at least fifty-one percent (51%) of all new employees hired or transferred by the owner shall be residents of the City;
- Meet the requirements of the City contractor bid notification commitment required by City ordinance (Ordinance No. 8171, as adopted and passed on April 12, 1999, as may be amended, more specifically Section 2) that City contractors will be given an opportunity to bid on all new construction with proper legal notice to appear in local newspapers of general circulation;

- Meet the requirements of the City's Common Wage Construction Act Wage Determination required by City ordinance (Ordinance No. 8370, as adopted and passed on August 13, 2001, as may be amended, more specifically Section 1) to pay (as shall all contractors and subcontractors working on the funded or subsidized project) for each class of construction work on the project a scale of wages and fringe benefits set by the then most recent Indiana Common Wage Construction Act Wage Determination issued for a public project in Lake County, Indiana;
- Meet the requirements of the City filing of a schedule of wage and fringe benefits required by City ordinance (Ordinance No. 8370, as adopted and passed on August 13, 2001, as may be amended, more specifically Section 3) require that any contractor or subcontractor performing work covered by Section 1 of the Ordinance to file a schedule of the wages and fringe benefits to be paid to such laborers, workmen or mechanics with the City's Office of the Common Council and also with the City Building Commissioner before any permits are issued; and
- Meet the requirements of the City filing of a certified payroll required by City ordinance (Ordinance No. 8370, as adopted and passed on August 13, 2001, as may be amended, more specifically Section 4) that requires any contractor or subcontractor performing work covered by Section 1 of the Ordinance to file a certified payroll with the City's Office of the Common Council and the Building Commissioner (By Ordinance, (i) the certified payroll shall identify the name of each worker on the project, the worker's classification, wage and fringe benefit package and the number of hours worked on each day on the project by the employee and (ii) each certified payroll shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the end of the employer's weekly payroll period, available to the public for inspection during regular working hours at the Office of the Common Council and the Building Commissioner.

the City's Common Council, as the designating body following the procedures of Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1-5.9, may impose this Claw Back Provision requiring the applicant to pay back tax savings realized during the prior assessment year for taxes due and payable for non-compliance because of an assessed valuation deduction proportional to the extent of the deficiency of the criteria listed above. A determination by resolution to impose this Claw Back Provision and its provisions is at the sole discretion of the City's Common Council as the designating body and may be dependent upon various factors and variables uniquely applicable to each approved Statement of Benefits.

**SECTION II.** This Claw Back Provision may be imposed by the City's Common Council as the designating body during the approved period of the assessed valuation deduction as documented in the resolution approving a Statement of Benefits (FORM SB-1) and for a period of one year after and subsequent to the final assessment date applicable to the approved abatement period of an assessed valuation deduction applicant as documented in the resolution approving a Statement of Benefits (FORM SB-1).

**SECTION III.** Upon determination by resolution to impose this Claw Back Provision, the City's Common Council shall have an independent professional consultant calculate: (i) the tax savings realized as a result of an assessed valuation deduction to the extent of the deficiency of the criteria listed above as determined by the Common Council and (ii) the distribution of the claw back payment to the City proportional to each overlapping taxing unit for which the tax payable year the Claw Back Provision is applied, as based upon the percentage of the overlapping taxing unit's tax rate to the gross tax rate for the appropriate tax unit.

**SECTION IV.** Prior to notification to the approved applicant of an assessed valuation deduction for which this Claw Back Provision is imposed, the City shall notify the Office of the Lake County, Indiana Auditor ("Auditor") and/or the Office of the Lake County, Indiana Assessor ("Assessor") as to the imposition of the Claw Back Provision. The City shall also submit the calculation of the claw back payment and its distribution to the overlapping taxing units pursuant to Section III for confirmation and verification prior to final imposition and notification of this Claw Back Provision to the approved applicant of an assessed valuation deduction.

**SECTION V.** The Auditor shall provide written confirmation and verification as to the amount of the claw back payment and the proportional distribution of the claw back payments to the overlapping taxing units as calculated by the City pursuant to SECTION III.

**SECTION VI.** Upon notice from the Auditor that the claw back payment and the distribution of the claw back payment to the overlapping taxing units is confirmed and verified, the City shall notify to the approved applicant of an assessed valuation deduction that this claw back provision is imposed. Said notice shall include the calculation of the claw back payment, its distribution to the overlapping taxing units and a statement that the calculations have been confirmed and verified by the Auditor prior to notification.

**SECTION VII.** Prior to the distribution to the overlapping taxing units of a claw back payment made to the City, the City shall notify the Auditor and/or the Assessor as to the receipt of a claw back payment for its files pertaining to the assessed valuation deduction.

**SECTION VIII.** The City shall distribute claw back payments to all overlapping taxing units via USPS certified mail-return receipt no later than 30 days from the date of the receipt of the claw back payment.

**SECTION IX.** Upon return of all USPS certified mail-return receipts from the overlapping taxing units, the City shall provide copies of the return receipts to the following entities:

- The approved applicant of an assessed valuation deduction for which this Claw Back Provision is imposed;
- The Auditor, and
- If applicable, to the Assessor.

as documentation that the imposed claw back payment was distributed to overlapping taxing units.