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## **Cook County Class 6/8 Classification Eligibility Guidelines**

### **Economic & Fiscal Impacts of Business on the Community**

Higher consideration to be given for:

- Retention of existing Oak Forest business.
- Businesses looking to consolidate current facilities and/or expand to Oak Forest.
- Businesses that build on the resources, materials and workforce of the local community.
- Potential for future growth of the business and of the industry the business is in.
- A greater increase in the assessed value of the property through the construction of building additions or making significant improvements to the site.
- Projects not requiring new public capital improvements.
- A greater amount of sales tax base expansion or similar.
- Businesses that have a history of contributing to their communities through volunteer work, financial contributions or other means. If a new start-up business, the business demonstrates its commitment to becoming involved in the community.
- Start-up companies and expansions of existing local operations.

### **Existing Building/Site Conditions & Private Financial Contribution Compared to Public Relief Sought**

Higher Consideration to be given for:

- Buildings that have been vacant for two years or more applying for a Class 6/8 classification and that a vacancy appeal for the site has been granted by Cook County.
- Sites which are difficult to lease or sell due to age, size, condition, or unique characteristics of the building.
- A greater ratio of investment by the assisted business compared to the amount of 8 Classification relief.
- Quality of the case being made that the Class 6/8 Classification is necessary for the project to move forward.

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### **Quality of Jobs to be Created**

Higher consideration to be given for:

- Higher wage rates
- Number of full-time, long-term, non-seasonal positions created.

### **Environmental Impact**

Higher consideration to be given for:

- The more environmentally sound the company's operation, including but not limited to: Comprehensive energy and resource efficiency programs, including green buildings (e.g. LEED certification, building energy efficiency commitments, etc.)
- Comprehensive waste reduction, waste exchange, and recycling programs.
- The more environmentally sound the company's products/services, including but not limited to:
  - Products/services that expand markets for recycled materials.
  - Development of renewable energy resources or products that conserve energy.