

Enterprise Zone Incentives, Benefits, and Information

The Southern Tazewell County Enterprise Zone was established to encourage businesses to stay, locate, or expand in the designated geographical area to revitalize these areas. This is done by providing the following benefits and incentives:

1. Building Permit fee reduced 50%. This does not include inspection fees, electrical permit fees, plumbing permit fees, tap in fees or any administrative fees.
2. Sales taxes for building materials purchased in the State of Illinois and used in the Southern Tazewell Enterprise Zone are waived

To qualify for the Enterprise Zone benefits, the following items must be met:

1. The project must be located within the Southern Tazewell Enterprise Zone (see map www.morton-il.gov).
2. The project must be zoned in Business or Industrial. Residential zoning does not apply.
3. A completed "Southern Tazewell Enterprise Zone Certificate of Eligibility for Sales Tax Exemption" application must be submitted along with payment for the assessed fee of 0.5% x Total Project Materials Cost (on application).
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Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Does each contractor purchasing material need their own BMEC?** Yes, A "Building Material Exemption Certificate Application" must be submitted by each contractor conducting business and purchasing material for the specific project.
2. **How does a contractor access the BMEC once it is issued?** The Illinois Department of Revenue will send a message to the email address submitted on the application with a link. The applicant can access its exemption certificate by clicking on the link in the email message and following the directions provided.
3. **Can I purchase material before the issuance of the BMEC and get reimbursement or can the BMEC be retroactive?** No, any material purchased before the issuance of a Building Material Exemption Certificate does not qualify for sales tax exemption.
4. **What qualifies as "building materials" eligible for sales tax exemption?** Building materials that are eligible for the sales tax exemption include items that are permanently affixed to real property such as lumber, mortar, glued-down carpets, paint, wallpaper, and similar affixed items.
5. **How long is a BMEC valid?** Certificates are valid for a maximum of two years. However, they can be issued for a shorter period. The exact expiration date of each certificate will vary and is based upon the expected project completion date provided at the time the application is submitted.

More information about the Enterprise Zone can be found at <https://www2.illinois.gov/rev/businesses/incentives/Pages/default.aspx>

**SOUTHERN TAZEWELL ENTERPRISE ZONE
(VILLAGE OF MORTON)
Certification of Eligibility for Sales Tax Exemption**

This certification is for the purpose of applying to the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) for a Certificate of Eligibility for a State and City Sales Tax Exemption on building materials purchased in the State of Illinois. A separate form is required for each contractor and each sub-contractor and **every line must be completely filled in. It is extremely important the information provided be clear and legible. We strongly encourage the use of a computer when completing the form. Information entered incorrectly in the IDOR web portal will result in delays to the issuance of your tax exemption certificate.** The associated fee must be paid prior to submission of the application.

Pages 1 and 2 to be completed by the owner or general contractor for the business where the project is occurring:

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Legal Business Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____
City, State Zip: _____ FEIN: _____ UIN: _____
Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: _____ Project Address or Location: _____
(No P.O. Boxes)
City, State Zip: _____ Parcel I.D. #: _____
Building Permit Issue Date: _____ Current Number of Employees: _____
Project Type: Retail Commercial Service Commercial Industrial
Remodel or New Construction: Remodel New Construction

PROJECT ESTIMATES

Total Project Cost: _____ Estimated Building Materials Cost: _____
Estimated Project Completion Date: _____ Estimated Labor Cost: _____
¹# Jobs Retained: _____ ²FTE Jobs Created: _____ # of Contractors who will seek certificates: _____

¹Retained jobs means any full-time equivalent job preserved at the specific facility or site that was threatened to be lost by a specific and demonstrable threat that is specified in the application for developing assistance. Full-time equivalent jobs are calculated by dividing the total number of hours worked by persons at the project site, whether salaried or hourly; and whether identified as employees, contractors, or otherwise, by 1,750 hours.

²Full-time equivalent jobs are calculated by dividing the total number of hours worked by persons at the project site, whether salaried or hourly; and whether identified as employees, contractors, or otherwise, by 1,820 hours.

FEE

Illinois State Law allows for a 0.5% fee to be assessed on all projects taking advantage of Enterprise Zone Benefits.

Fee (0.5% x Total Project Materials Cost): _____

Fee Paid: Yes No (application will only be processed once fee is paid)

Please attach a list of building materials and the quantities to be purchased.

Owner's Signature or legal representative

Print Name of Signator

Employer's Federal Identification # or IDOR ID #

Unemployment Insurance Number

Date

General Contractor's Signature (if different than owner)

Print Name of Signator

Employer's Federal Identification # or IDOR ID #

Unemployment Insurance Number

Date

Once completed email, mail, or hand deliver to:

**Zack Davis, Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer
120 N. Main St., P.O. Box 28
Morton, IL 61550
Phone: (309)266-5361 Ext. 2239
Email: zoning@morton-il.gov**

To determine if your property is in the Enterprise Zone, you may visit our website at <https://www.morton-il.gov/services/gis-maps-data/> or contact the Village of Morton at (309)266-5361.