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### Abstract

Rules for applicants and city, as set down by the Gary Tax Abatement Ordinance.

### Keywords

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## **LRR FOCUS: The Gary Tax Abatement Ordinance**

### **The Applicant Company must:**

- notify employees (and union if one is present) of its intent to apply for an abatement;
- provide detailed financial information on both the plant and any parent company (including sales, profits, net assets, capital investments, debts, capacity utilization);
- list any previous public subsidies received and figures on number of jobs promised and delivered;
- report construction jobs created, permanent jobs gained and lost, and changes in job conditions and wages for existing employees.

### **The City must:**

- deny the abatement unless jobs created are at or above the prevailing wage for that job category, (minor exception for up to two years for business start-ups with fewer than 50 employees);
- deny the abatement unless the applying company provides a full health care package to all employees working more than 25 hours per week (exemption for up to two years for very small employers with less than ten workers);
- deny abatement for jobs only being relocated;
- fine the company up to \$2500 for falsifying information on application or in its reports;
- terminate the abatement if the recipient company fails to create the promised jobs, moves the equipment, or does not live up to its commitments.