

Chapter 18

Article XII.-Business Incentives: Downtown Development Area

Sec. 18-280.-Qualification for Business Incentives; Sunset Provision; Application.

(a) New businesses which locate within the Downtown Development Area of the City of Sylvania as defined in that certain resolution of Mayor and Council of the City dated September 21, 2010, or within the Downtown Development Area as such Area may be subsequently delineated by the Mayor and Council of the City by subsequent resolution under authority of O.C.G.A. § 36-42-6 (1), between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2024, shall be qualified to receive the business incentives set forth in this Article XII.

(b) Existing businesses located within the Downtown Development Area of the City of Sylvania as defined in that certain resolution of Mayor and Council of the City dated September 21, 2010, or within the Downtown Development Area as such Area may be subsequently delineated by the Mayor and Council of the City by subsequent resolution under authority of O.C.G.A. § 36-42-6 (1), between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2024, which either add two full-time employment positions (greater than or equal to 35 hours per week per position) within Downtown Development Area, or invest \$50,000 or more in the building that such entity occupies, shall, upon meeting either of said criteria during the qualification period, be qualified to receive the business incentives set forth in this Article XII.

(c) The qualification period for the business incentives set forth in this Article XII shall begin June 1, 2019, and shall end May 31, 2024.

(d) Any business seeking to qualify for business incentives set forth in the Article XII shall file an application during the qualification period on an application form provided by the City Clerk providing information necessary to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City Clerk that such business qualifies for the business incentives set forth in this Article XII.

Sec. 18-281.-Waiver of Occupation Tax.

For businesses which qualify for incentives pursuant to section 18-280, the payment of the occupation tax otherwise required to be paid pursuant to Article III of Chapter 18 of this Code shall be waived for either the year during which the qualifying business first qualifies for incentives, or the subsequent year, at the option of the business. All such businesses shall otherwise comply with and be subject to Article III of Chapter 18 of this Code.

Sec. 18-282.-Waiver of Pouring License Tax for Restaurants.

For businesses which qualify for incentives pursuant to Section 18-280 which are also restaurants within the definition set forth in Sec. 6-1 of this Code, the Application Fee required by Sec. 6-13 of this Code and the License Tax required by Sec. 6-31 of this Code shall be waived for two (2) years, the first year being either the year during which such business first qualifies for incentives, or the subsequent year, at the option of the business; the next succeeding year shall be the second year that the waiver shall apply. All such businesses shall otherwise comply with and be subject to Chapter 6 of this Code regulating alcoholic beverages.

Sec. 18-283.-Waiver of Natural Gas Connection Fees.

For businesses which qualify for incentives pursuant to section 18-280, natural gas connection tap fees that would otherwise be required to be paid under Chapter 74 of this Code are waived for the initial connection.

Sec. 18-284.-Waiver of Water and Sewer Tap Fees.

For businesses which qualify for incentives pursuant to section 18-280, water and sewer connection tap fees that would otherwise be required to be paid under Chapter 74, Article II of this Code, are waived for the initial connection.

Sec. 18-285.-Waiver of Base Rates for Water, Sewer, Gas and Electricity.

For businesses which qualify for incentives pursuant to Section 18-280, the base rates that would otherwise apply to a commercial customer of the City for water, sewer, gas and electric utilities, as established by the Mayor and Council from time to time pursuant to section 74-1 of this Code, shall be waived for the billing period beginning in the month subsequent to the initial qualification, which waiver shall end at the end of the billing period that is 12 months subsequent thereto.

SEVERABILITY

In the event any part or parts of this ordinance are declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or unlawful, the offending part or parts shall be deemed stricken herefrom, and the remaining part or parts of this ordinance shall remain enforceable.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

This 7th day of May, 2019.

CITY OF SYLVANIA, GEORGIA

BY: *Robert Dees* (SEAL)
Mayor

ATTEST: *Thula O. Snow* (SEAL)
Clerk

