

ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 224 of 1985

125.2114a Certification as qualified business; application; eligibility; time period; revocation; limitation.

Sec. 14a. (1) This section applies only to a business that applies for certification as a qualified business in an enterprise zone that was created after 1993.

(2) The owner or lessee of a facility may file an application for certification as a qualified business within the enterprise zone with the clerk of the local governmental unit that established the zone. The application shall be filed in the manner and form prescribed by the authority. The application shall contain or be accompanied by a general description of the facility, a general description of the proposed use of the facility, and a time schedule for undertaking and completing renovation of the facility.

(3) Upon receipt of an application for certification as a qualified business, the clerk of the local governmental unit shall notify in writing the citizens' council and the assessor of the assessing unit in which the zone is located of the application.

(4) If the citizens' council does not take action to disapprove the application within 30 days after receipt of the application, the application is automatically approved. A copy of the approved application shall be filed with the authority.

(5) If the citizens' council rejects the application for certification of a business as a qualified business, the citizens' council shall notify that business and the authority of its rejection. A business whose application is rejected may submit another application to the clerk of the local governmental unit or may appeal the rejection to the authority.

(6) If a business appeals to the authority and meets the conditions for a qualified business prescribed by this act, the authority shall approve the certification of that business as a qualified business. If the authority rejects the application or appeal, the authority shall return the application or appeal to the business with a written explanation of the reasons for rejection. A business whose application is rejected by the authority may resubmit the application to the authority.

(7) A facility is not eligible for certification as a qualified business if the facility is to be built solely on property that has never had a structure on it.

(8) A local governmental unit or the authority shall not certify a business as a qualified business after 6 years after the date on which the authority approves the first area in that local governmental unit as an enterprise zone.

(9) A local governmental unit or the authority may revoke the certification of a qualified business for noncompliance with the act, including the failure to pay the tax levied under section 21a. Revocation by a local governmental unit may be appealed to the authority which shall then approve or disapprove the revocation.

(10) A local governmental unit shall not certify a business as a qualified business if that business employs more than 5 employees at an individual average annual base salary, excluding stock options, greater than \$2,000,000.00.

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