# **Agenda Report**



2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940

# **New Business - County Manager**

4/23/2024 1.7.

## Subject:

Permission to Advertise for Public Hearing on Ordinance to repeal the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for BK Technologies, Inc.

# **Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact associated with this action is the administrative cost to place the Notice of Intent on the County's Public Notice webpage.

# Dept/Office:

County Manager

# **Requested Action:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners grant permission to advertise for a Public Hearing to consider adopting an Ordinance repealing the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for BK Technologies, Inc.

# Summary Explanation and Background:

On May 7, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners granted BK Technologies, Inc., an ad valorem tax exemption for a period of eight (8) years and eighty percent (80%) on real and tangible property added to the County's assessment roll. In order to remain eligible for the County's Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program, BK Technologies, Inc., would need to maintain their eligibility as set forth in Ordinance 2019-010.

On January 8, 2024, a certified letter was provided to BK Technologies, Inc. requesting the submission of their 2023 Annual Report no later than March 1, 2024. BK Technologies, Inc. failed to provide their annual report as required in Section 1(e) of Brevard County Ordinance 2019-010. On March 18, 2024, a certified letter was sent to BK Technologies, Inc. notifying them that the Board of County Commissioners would consider rescinding their Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption based upon their failure to provide evidence of continued compliance with Ordinance 2019-010 and Florida Statute 196.012(15).

Approval of this Agenda Item would provide for legislative intent to hold a public hearing to consider repealing the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption granted to BK Technologies, Inc., under Brevard County Ordinance 2019-010.

## Clerk to the Board Instructions:



## FLORIDA'S SPACE COAST

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April 24, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager

RE: Item I.7., Permission to Advertise for Public Hearing on Ordinance to repeal the Economic

Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for BK Technologies, Inc.

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 23, 2024, granted permission to advertise for a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance repealing Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for BK Technologies, Inc.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RACHEL M. SADOFF. CLERK

kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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CC: Budget

Finance



# **Economic Development Tax Exemption Ordinance Re: BK Technologies**

#### SUBJECT:

Economic Development Tax Exemption Ordinance re: BK Technologies, Inc.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

FY 2019-2020 No fiscal impact until company purchases equipment FY 2020-2021 Fiscal Impact will be the amount of ad valorem taxes exempted.

#### **DEPT/OFFICE:**

**County Manager** 

### REQUESTED ACTION:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners consider adopting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Exemption Ordinance for BK Technologies, Inc.

#### SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

BK Technologies, Inc. designs, manufactures, and markets wireless communications products in the United States and internationally. The company offers two-way land mobile radios, repeaters, base stations, and related components and subsystems. The company is headquartered in West Melbourne, Florida, where it has maintained operations since the 1980's. Currently 100 employees are based in West Melbourne. BK Technologies, Inc also operates a facility in Lawrence, Kansas. BK Technologies, Inc. plans to expand headcount by 35 employees over the next three years with an average wage of \$73,500 and invest \$3.0 million in equipment during the project period.

# New Jobs		Dates
	17	Year 1
	18	Year 2
Total	35	

The EDC is seeking to leverage the Brevard County Ad Valorem Tax Abatement program to help BK Technologies, Inc. offset the cost of new equipment.

BK Technologies, Inc. meets the eligibility criteria as defined by Section 196.012(15)(a)(1), Florida Statutes. As a business expanding in Brevard County.

"A business or organization establishing 10 or more new jobs to employ 10 or more full-time employees in this state, paying an average wage for such new jobs that is above the average wage in the area, which principally engages in any one or more of

the following operations: manufacturers, processes, compounds, fabricates or produces for sale items of tangible personal property at a fixed location and which comprises an industrial or manufacturing plant".

The EDC has made a recommendation that BK Technologies, Inc. be provided an abatement of 80% for eight (8)years.

The Property Appraiser has conducted an analysis of the tax abatement application and it is estimated that at 80% of the amount of the annual tax abatement will be approximately \$12,164 and the total Tax Abatement for eight (8) years will be \$97,312.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Description

- legal ad
- Application
- **p** Final draft ordinance

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, on May 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., in the Commission Room at 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building C, First Floor, Viera, FL, 32940, will hold a public hearing on the following ordinance:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2019-\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM EXEMPTION TO BK TECHNOLOGIES. SPECIFYING THE ITEMS EXEMPTED; PROVIDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE EXEMPTION; FINDING THAT THE BUSINESS MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 196.1995(9) FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXEMPTION; BK TECHNOLOGIES, INC.: PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interested parties may appear at the May 7, 2019 meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

A copy of the ordinance may be inspected at the following locations:

Office of Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, Titusville, Florida North Brevard Library, Titusville, Florida Central Brevard Library, Cocoa, Florida Melbourne Library, Melbourne, Florida South Mainland Library, Micco, Florida

A copy of the ordinance may also be viewed online at: <a href="http://www.brevardcounty.us/CountyManager/DraftOrdinances">http://www.brevardcounty.us/CountyManager/DraftOrdinances</a>.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105 Florida Statutes, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, at his or her own expense, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which any such appeal is to be based. Such person may provide a court reporter, stenographer, or a tape recorder for such verbatim record.

In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in the proceedings, please notify the department sponsoring the meeting/hearing, or the County Manager's Office, (321) 633-2010, at least 48 hours in advance. TDD: 1-800-955-8771. Assisted Listening System receivers are available for the hearing impaired, & can be obtained from the Sound Technician at the meeting.

This meeting will be broadcast live on Space Coast Government Television (SCGTV) on Bright House Networks channel 199, Comcast Cable Communications channel 51 in North Brevard and channel 13 in South Brevard, and AT&T U-verse channel 99. The meeting can be viewed at <a href="https://www.brevardfl.gov/onlineagenda">www.brevardfl.gov/onlineagenda</a>





Date:

April 12, 2019

To:

Frank Abbate

**County Manager** 

From:

Gregory Weiner, CEcD

Senior Director, Business Development

Re:

Company Considering Expansion in Brevard County

The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast is managing a business expansion project for Project BK Technologies, Inc., a leading manufacturer of communications equipment. The company provides design and manufacturing services both inside and outside the state of Florida.

They are considering additional equipment purchases as well as additional employment for their location in West Melbourne, FL. The company plans to create 35 new jobs over 2 years with an average wage of \$73,500 and invest approximately \$3,000,000 in new capital expenditures. The proposed job creation timeline for the project is as follows:

# of New Jobs	Date jobs will be created
17	Year 1
18	Year 2

**TOTAL** 

35

The EDC is seeking to leverage the Brevard County Ad Valorem Tax Abatement program to help the client offset the cost new equipment.

Enclosed please find the following:

- Executive summary
- Completed AVT application
- Economic impact analysis
- Resolution AVT
- Resolution QTI
- Draft Board Report

If you should have any questions regarding any of the enclosed documentation or on the company's business expansion, please feel free to contact me.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

# BREVARD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM

APPLICANT NAME: BK Technologies, Inc.

NOTICE: This supplement is to be used by the applicant to provide additional information required by Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Ordinance, Chapter 102, Division 3, Sections 181-191, Brevard County Code; and to provide other information requested by the Board of County Commissioners and the entities who will review the application.

Any business seeking an exemption shall file an application with the County before the business has made the decision to locate a new business in the County or before the business has made the decision to expand an existing business in the County. Any business decisions, such as announcements, leasing of space or hiring of employees, made prior to final County Economic Development Tax Abatement approval (and not made contingent upon County approval) may constitute grounds for disapproval. Projects, which clearly do not require inducement, will not be approved.

- Length of exemption requested is total of <u>10</u> years (length of exemption approved is sole discretion of County Commission and commences on the adoption date of the ordinance granting the exemption).
- Proposed Property Address (legal description & street address): 7100 Technology Dr. West Melbourne, FL 32904
- 3. Property Owner Name: B&M Property Holdings, LLC

Address: 1800 Penn Street, Suite 11, Melbourne, FL 32901

Telephone No.: n/a FAX No.: n/a

4. Authorized Agent: Adam Rathbun, The Ullian Realty Corporation

Address: 1800 Penn Street, Suite 11, Melbourne, FL 32901

Telephone No.: n/a FAX No.: n/a

- 5. Type of industry or business: Radio and Television Broadcasting and Wireless Communications Equipment Manufacturing
- NAICS Code(s): 334220
- Brief description of product and expansion plans (The applicant is to provide an executive summary of its business plan):

BK Technologies, Inc. designs, manufactures, and markets wireless communications products. BK Technologies plans to expand headcount by 35 employees in the next three years. This expansion includes adds to Assembly, Testers, Inspectors, R&D, and Engineering personnel.

8. Anticipated number of new employees (The applicant is to provide a breakdown of jobs to be created by category and planned salary to be paid by position):

211/-	
Project	Number of net new full-time equivalent Brevard County jobs
Year	created in the business unit
I (2020)	17
II (2021)	18
III (2022)	0
Total	35

- As of the date of this application, what is your total current Brevard County Employment? 100
- Expected number of new employees who will reside in Brevard County: 35
- 11. Percentage of existing employees who have resided in the County for more than two years: 87
- 12. Anticipated average wage of employees (excluding employee benefits, but including overtime): \$35.34
- Estimated new capital investment as a result of expansion or relocation of business:

Estimated new construction value: \$0

Estimated new personal property value: \$3,000,000

14. Environmental impact of business. (Identify the number and type of environmental permits required as a result of this project: e.g. air, soil and water pollution, water and sewer, dredge and fill, storm water, industrial wastewater; provide a brief narrative statement of the company's environmental impacts):

n/a

 Anticipated volume of business or production (estimated gross revenue): \$50 million 2018 revenue and 25% anticipated growth in productivity

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- 16. Would the relocation or expansion occur without the exemption: Yes [ ] No [X]
- 17. Estimated source of supplies (local or otherwise):

Estimated % source of supplies County: 0%

Estimated % source of supplies Florida: 3%

Estimated % source of supplies out-of-state: 97%

18. Business is/will be located in a community redevelopment area: Yes [ ] No [X]

Name of area: n/a

19. Do you desire exemption as a "Relocation" [ ], "Expansion of Existing Business Function" [ X] or as an "Expansion of New Business Function" [ ]

#### SIGNATURES.

I hereby confirm the information provided by <u>BK Technologies, Inc.</u> to the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast and the Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of calculating the economic impact and benefit of the proposed tax abatement is true, accurate and complete. I further confirm that <u>BK Technologies, Inc.</u> is not in violation of any federal, state or local law, or regulation governing environmental matters. I hereby acknowledge and agree upon approval of the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Ordinance by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners that <u>BK Technologies, Inc.</u> will provide the CareerSource Brevard its job openings to be posted on <u>www.employflorida.com</u> and agrees to consider for employment candidates referred by Brevard Workforce.

SIGNED: William Kelly, CFO, BK Technologies, Inc.	SIGNED:  8 Wright Street, Weslport, CT 06880 860-874-6464
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	LOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) USE ONLY
EDC Economic Impact Analysis:	
EDC's Recommendation:	
applicant meets the criteria of a new business or for an a County Code. Furthermore, the EDC has conducted an Department of Commerce, which concludes that the ar	ace Coast hereby certifies that it has proof, to the satisfaction of the EDC, that the expansion of an existing business as defined in Section 184, Chapter 102, Brevard economic impact analysis, applying acceptable multipliers as defined by the State applicant does hereby meet the economic benefit test; and, therefore, the EDC applicant receive an ad valorem tax exemption for 20% percent of its eligible of the EDC president)
County Manager's Recommendation:	COUNTY USE ONLY
DATE: SIGNED	O:(County Manager)

# BREVARD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION Chapter 196, Florida Statutes

To be filed with the Board of County Commissioners, the governing board of the municipality, or both, no later than March 1 of the year the exemption is desired to take effect.

Business name: <u>BK Technologies, Inc.</u>

Mailing address: 7100 Technology Dr. West Melbourne, FL 32904

2. Name of person in charge of business: William Kelly, CFO & Randy Willis, COO

Telephone No.: 321-237-1493

FAX No.: n/a

3. Location of business (legal description and street address) of property for which this report is filled:

7100 Technology Dr. West Melbourne, FL 32904

- Date business opened at this facility: 2000 at current site (early 1980s to 2000 across street)
- a. Description of the improvements to real property for which this exemption is requested:
   None. The \$3.0 million in listed investment is in personal property.
  - b. Date of commencement of construction of improvements: n/a
- a. Description of the tangible personal property for which this exemption is requested and date when property was purchased:

Class or Item	Age	Date of Purchase	Original Cost	Taxpayer's Estimate of Condition	Taxpayer's Estimate of Fair Market Value	APPRAISER USE ONLY
Miscellaneous manufacturing equipment to be purchased			\$3.0mm Est.		.90	2,700,000
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- Average value of Inventory on hand: \$11 million
- Any additional personal property not listed above for which an exemption is claimed must be returned on form DR-405 (Tangible Personal Property Tax Return) and a copy attached to this form.
- 7. Do you desire exemption as a "New Business" [ ] or as an "Expansion of an Existing Business" [ X ]
- Describe the type or nature of your business: BK Technologies, Inc. designs, manufactures, and markets wireless communications products.
   BK Technologies plans to expand headcount by 35 employees in the next three years. This expansion includes adds to Assembly, Testers, Inspectors, R&D, and Engineering personnel.
- 9. Trade level (check as many as apply):

Wholesale [] Manufacturing [X] Professional [X] Service [] Office [X] Other []

- 10. a. Number of full time employees employed in Florida: 100
  - b. If an expansion of an existing business:
    - Net increase in employment: 35 new jobs during project period
    - (2) Increase in productive output resulting from this expansion: 20-25%

11. Sales factor for the facility requesting exemption:

Total sales in Florida from this facility - one (1) location only \$3.5 million divided by Total sales everywhere from this facility - one (1) location only \$50 million = 7%

- 12. For office space owned and used by a corporation newly domicited in Florida: Not yet incorporated
  - a. Date of incorporation in Florida: n/a
  - b. Number of full-time employees at this location: n/a
- 13. If requesting an exemption due to location in a stum or blighted area, please furnish such additional information as required by the County Commission, City Commission, or Property Appraiser.

I hereby request the adoption of an ordinance granting an exemption from ad valorem taxation on the above property pursuant to Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes. I agree to furnish such other reasonable information as the Board of County Commissioners, the governing authority of the municipality, or the Property Appraiser may request in regard to the exemption requested herein. I hereby certify that the information and valuation stated above by me is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. (If prepared by someone other than the taxpayer, his declaration is based on all information of which he has any knowledge.)

DATE: SIGNED:	William Kelly, CFO, BK Technologies, Inc.
6	PROPERTY APPRAISER'S USE ONLY
l.	Total revenue available to the County or municipality for the current fiscal year from ad valorem tax sources:
ll.	Revenue lost to the County or municipality for the current fiscal year by virtue of exemptions previously granted under this section:
III. the	Estimate of the revenue which will be lost to the County during the current fiscal year if the exemption applied for were granted had property for which the exemption is requested otherwise been subject to taxation:  15,205.59
IV.	Estimate of the taxable value lost to the County or municipality if the exemption applied for were granted:  Improvements to real property  Personal Property
V.	I have determined that the property listed above meets the definition, as defined by Section 196.012(15) or (16), Florida Statutes, as a New Business [], an Expansion of an Existing Business [], or Neither [].
VI.	Last year for which exemption may be applied: Dependent upon the number of years granter
DATE:	SIGNED: (Property Appraiser)
	RETURN TO BE FILED NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1

# Project BK Technologies, Inc. Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Executive Summary

BK Technologies, Inc. designs, manufactures, and markets wireless communications products in the United States and internationally. The company offers two-way land mobile radios, repeaters, base stations, and related components and subsystems. Its BK Technologies and BK Radio branded products include land-mobile radio equipment for professional radio users primarily in government, public safety, and military applications, as well as P-25 digital products; and RELM branded products provide two-way communications for commercial and industrial concerns, such as hotels, construction firms, schools, and transportation services.

The company is headquartered in West Melbourne, Florida, where it has maintained operations since the 1980s. Currently 100 employees are based in West Melbourne. BK Technologies also operates a facility in Lawrence, Kansas, which is also under consideration for this project as well.

BK Technologies plans to expand headcount by 35 employees and invest \$3.0 million in equipment during the project period. This expansion includes adds to Assembly, Testers, Inspectors, R&D, and Engineering personnel.



# AD VALOREM TAX ABATEMENT

Job Creation Distribution Worksheet

JOB TITLE / DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF JOBS	WAGE	ANTICIPATED HIRE TIMELINE (YEARS 1-3)
R&D Engineer	12	\$50.94	Year 1
Engineer	9	\$45.03	Year 2
Assembly (NGR)	2	\$13.25	Year 2
Production (Assembler, Tester, Inspector)	12	\$13.25	5 in Year 1 7 in Year 2

<sup>\*</sup>Year 1 is CY ending 12/31/20

<sup>\*</sup>Year 2 is CY ending 12/31/21



# **ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

# Project BK Technologies, Inc.

Brevard County, FL 04/08/19

Overview:

New Job Commitment:

35

Capital Investment:

\$3,000,000

Average Annual Wage:

\$73,500

Economic impact from job creation:

Jobs	Net New Wage	Contribution to GDP
35 (Direct)	\$2,572,500 (Direct)	\$3,966,394 (Direct)
15 (Indirect)	\$824,099 (Indirect)	\$1,250,848 (Indirect)
17 (Induced)	\$667,118 (Induced)	\$1,237,934 (Induced)
67 TOTAL	\$4,063,717 TOTAL	\$6,455,176 TOTAL

For every employment position created by PROJECT **BK Technologies, Inc.** approximately .9113 additional jobs will be developed to support the operation of the facility.

<sup>•</sup> For every payroll dollar paid to PROJECT **BK Technologies, Inc.** approximately \$.5797 will be generated for consumer spending.

County Tax Impact		
Years 1-10	Annual Tax	ces on Construction
Projected Tax Assessed	\$	y-
Potential Abatement (at 100%)	\$	•
Net New Revenue to County	\$	5
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Annual Taxes or	n Personal Property
Projected Tax Assessed	\$	24,186.24
Potential Abatement (at 100%)	\$	7,272.00
Net New Revenue to County	\$	16,914.24
Total New Revenue to County	\$	16,914.24

## Years 11+: Company will be assessed for 100% of tax liability

Tax Millage Code – 52V0 NAICS – 334220 IMPLAN Sector – 305

Analysis based on information supplied by Project BK Technologies, Inc. -April 2019

Economic impact calculations furnished by EDC Research Office, using IMPLAN Professional 3.1 (www.IMPLAN.com).

Abatement & millage numbers are estimates; all final numbers determined solely by the Brevard County Property Appraiser's Office.

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM EXEMPTION TO BK TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; SPECIFYING THE ITEMS EXEMPTED; PROVIDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE EXEMPTION; FINDING THAT THE BUSINESS MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 196.1995(16) F.S.; PROVIDING FOR PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXEMPTION; BK TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, economic development and the creation of jobs are a priority of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard County citizens voted to provide economic incentives to new and expanding businesses in the November 2014 general election; and

WHEREAS, BK Technologies, Inc., has requested that the Board of County Commissioners exempt ad valorem taxes for real property used in its new business or expansion of an existing business as well as tangible personal property at 7100 Technology Drive, West Melbourne, Florida 32904.

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast has recommended approval of the exemption for BK Technologies, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Property Appraiser has provided the Board of County Commissioners with its report as required by Section 196.1995(9), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that BK Technologies, Inc., meets the requirements of Section 196.012(15), Florida Statutes, for an expansion of an existing business in Brevard County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. Chapter 102 entitled "Taxation," and Article IV entitled "Ad Valorem Property Taxation," of the Code of Ordinances of Brevard County, Florida shall be amended to include a new section 102-2\_\_ as follows:

- (a) An Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption is hereby granted to BK Technologies, Inc. (hereafter referred to as "the Company"), for 80 percent of the assessed value of the net increase in all tangible personal property acquired to facilitate such expansion of an existing business during that first year (not to exceed the amount identified in the Company's application for exemption).
- (b) The total amount of revenue available to the County from ad valorem tax sources for the current fiscal year is \$227,516,307.24; \$910,938.41 is lost to the County for the current fiscal year by virtue of exemptions currently in effect from previous years.
- (c) The tax exemption hereby granted shall be for a term of eight (8) years commencing with the first year the new or expanded facility and tangible personal property are added to the assessment roll.

- (d) In accordance with the findings of the Board of County Commissioners and the Property Appraiser, the property hereby exempted from ad valorem tax exemption meets the definition of expansion of an existing business, as defined by Section 196.0125(15), Florida Statutes.
- (e) The Company shall submit to the County Manager at the beginning of each year an annual report providing evidence of continued compliance with the definition of an expansion of an existing business for each of the eight (8) years during which the Company is eligible to receive ad valorem tax exemption. If the annual report is not received, if the annual report indicates the Company no longer meets the criteria of Section 196.012(15), Florida Statutes, or if the company fails to fulfill any representation made to the board in its application or the application process, the County Manager shall make a report to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration of revocation of this Ordinance granting the tax exemption.
- (f) If the County Manager or designee receives written notice that the company qualifying for an ad valorem tax abatement under the authority of this ordinance has decided not to undertake or complete the new business or expansion of an existing business, including improvements to real property or acquisition of taxable tangible personal property, or has not timely provided the number of jobs qualifying the new business or expansion of an existing business for the ad valorem tax exemption granted under this section, the exemption granted shall be void, shall not take effect and shall not be implemented. If such a notice is received, the foregoing provision shall be self-executing and no further action of the Board of County Commissioners will be required to void the granted exemption. Upon the County's receipt of any such notice, the county manager or designee shall forward the notice to the Property Appraiser along with a copy of this subsection of the ordinance.
- (g) If, upon discovery of the Company's failure to qualify for the ad valorem tax exemption granted by this ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners may revoke this Ordinance, and the company shall reimburse those County ad valorem taxes abated in favor of the Company for that period of time that it was determined that the Company no longer met the criteria of Section 196.012(15), Florida Statute, which isapplicable to the exemption granted by this Ordinance.
- <u>Section 2</u>. <u>Severability</u> If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- <u>Section 3.</u> <u>Codification</u> The provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified as and become and be made a part of the Brevard County Code. The Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention and the word "Ordinance" or similar words, may be changed to "Section", "Article", or other appropriate word.
- <u>Section 4.</u> <u>Effective Date</u> This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon filing as provided by law. A certified copy of the Ordinance shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State, State of Florida within ten days of enactment.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED in	Regular Session this day of, 2019.
ATTEST:	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Scott Ellis, Clerk	By: Kristine Isnardi, Chair
	As approved by the Board on

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-** 010

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM EXEMPTION TO BK TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; SPECIFYING THE ITEMS EXEMPTED; PROVIDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE EXEMPTION; FINDING THAT THE BUSINESS MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 196.1995(16) F.S.; PROVIDING FOR PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXEMPTION; BK TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, economic development and the creation of jobs are a priority of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Brevard County citizens voted to provide economic incentives to new and expanding businesses in the November 2014 general election; and

WHEREAS, BK Technologies, Inc., has requested that the Board of County Commissioners exempt ad valorem taxes for real property used in its new business or expansion of an existing business as well as tangible personal property at 7100 Technology Drive, West Melbourne, Florida 32904.

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast has recommended approval of the exemption for BK Technologies, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Property Appraiser has provided the Board of County Commissioners with its report as required by Section 196.1995(9), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that BK Technologies, Inc., meets the requirements of Section 196.012(15), Florida Statutes, for an expansion of an existing business in Brevard County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA as follows:

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- (b) The total amount of revenue available to the County from ad valorem tax sources for the current fiscal year is \$227,516,307.24; \$910,938.41 is lost to the County for the current fiscal year by virtue of exemptions currently in effect from previous years.
- (c) The tax exemption hereby granted shall be for a term of eight (8) years commencing with the first year the new or expanded facility and tangible personal property are added to the assessment roll.

Officially filed with the Secretary of State May 8, 2019

- (d) In accordance with the findings of the Board of County Commissioners and the Property Appraiser, the property hereby exempted from ad valorem tax exemption meets the definition of expansion of an existing business, as defined by Section 196.0125(15), Florida Statutes.
- (e) The Company shall submit to the County Manager at the beginning of each year an annual report providing evidence of continued compliance with the definition of an expansion of an existing business for each of the eight (8) years during which the Company is eligible to receive ad valorem tax exemption. If the annual report is not received, if the annual report indicates the Company no longer meets the criteria of Section 196.012(15), Florida Statutes, or if the company fails to fulfill any representation made to the board in its application or the application process, the County Manager shall make a report to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration of revocation of this Ordinance granting the tax exemption.
- (f) If the County Manager or designee receives written notice that the company qualifying for an ad valorem tax abatement under the authority of this ordinance has decided not to undertake or complete the new business or expansion of an existing business, including improvements to real property or acquisition of taxable tangible personal property, or has not timely provided the number of jobs qualifying the new business or expansion of an existing business for the ad valorem tax exemption granted under this section, the exemption granted shall be void, shall not take effect and shall not be implemented. If such a notice is received, the foregoing provision shall be self-executing and no further action of the Board of County Commissioners will be required to void the granted exemption. Upon the County's receipt of any such notice, the county manager or designee shall forward the notice to the Property Appraiser along with a copy of this subsection of the ordinance.
- (g) If, upon discovery of the Company's failure to qualify for the ad valorem tax exemption granted by this ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners may revoke this Ordinance, and the company shall reimburse those County ad valorem taxes abated in favor of the Company for that period of time that it was determined that the Company no longer met the criteria of Section 196.012(15), Florida Statute, which isapplicable to the exemption granted by this Ordinance.

<u>Section 2</u>. <u>Severability</u> - If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be illegal or invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

<u>Section 3</u>. <u>Codification</u> - The provisions of this Ordinance shall be codified as and become and be made a part of the Brevard County Code. The Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention and the word "Ordinance" or similar words, may be changed to "Section", "Article", or other appropriate word.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Effective Date</u> - This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon filing as provided by law. A certified copy of the Ordinance shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State, State of Florida within ten days of enactment.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED in Regular Sess	sion this, 2019.
ATTEST:	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Scott Ellis, Clerk	By: Kristine Isnardi, Chair
	As approved by the Board on _5/7/19
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BREVARD This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and current copy of Ordinary No. 2019-10 witness my hand and official seal this day of 2010 SCOTT ELLIS, Clerk of Circuit Court BY DEMOCRA HUM D.C.	



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May 8, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager

RE: Item H.3., Economic Development Tax Exemption Ordinance for BK Technologies, Inc.

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 7, 2019, adopted Ordinance No. 19-10, granting an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to BK Technologies, Inc. Enclosed is a certified copy of the Ordinance.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

cc: County Attorney

Budget Finance



County Manager's Office 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Building C, Room 301 Viera, Florida 32940

January 8, 2024

Mr. William P. Kelly, CFO BK Technologies, Inc. 7100 Technology Dr W. Melbourne, FL 32904

Via: Certified Mail # 70201810000131789644

RE: Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Annual Report for Year 2023 for BK Technologies, Inc. located at 7100 Technology Dr, W. Melbourne, FL 32904, Brevard County Ordinance 2019-10.

Dear Mr. Kelly,

Brevard County's Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Program requires participating companies to submit an Annual Report to the County. The Annual Report qualifies the company to receive an ad valorem tax abatement and provides the necessary information to determine the company's continued performance under Division 3 of Brevard County Code of Ordinances, the ordinance granting the exemption and the representations made in the application process. Section 102-189, Brevard County Code of Ordinances, provides:

Should any new business or expansion of an existing business fail to file the annual report or any report required by section 102-185(g), Brevard County Code of Ordinances, or fail to continue to meet the definition of a new business or an expansion of an existing business, and/or fail to fulfill any other representation made to the Board of County Commissioners (Board) during the application process, the Board may adopt an ordinance revoking the ad valorem tax exemption. An ordinance revoking the ad valorem tax exemption may provide that the Board recover any taxes waived during the exemption period. Nothing herein shall prohibit a business from reapplying for an ad valorem tax exemption pursuant to State of Florida law.

Enclosed is a 2023 Annual Report DR-418 form and the 2023 Internal Revenue Service 941 form for employee and wage verification. Please submit your company's 2023 Annual Report with the employment and wage verification documentation for the company granted the Ad Valorem Tax Abatement, BK Technologies, Inc.

Phone: (321) 633-2001 Fax: (321) 633-2115 Website: BrevardFL.gov The employment and wage verification information must identify the number of full-time, permanent workers employed at the location which your company receives an ad valorem tax abatement for the last quarter of calendar year 2023. If your company received ad valorem tax abatement and is still in the construction and/or expansion phase of your plans, please complete the annual report and indicate this on the form. If your company has not started the business or expanded an existing business, an annual report still must be provided.

Please submit the 2023 Annual Report DR-418 form and the 2023 IRS 941 form prior to March 1, 2024 to the following address: Karen Conde, Assistant to the County Manager, County Manager's Office, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building C, Room 301, Viera, Florida 32940.

Thank you for your continued participation; should you have any questions, please contact me at (321) 350-9192 or Karen.Conde@brevardfl.gov.

Sincerely,

**Karen Conde** 

Assistant to the County Manager

cc: Mr. Frank Abbate, County Manager Cathy Lively, Agenda Coordinator

Attachments (2)

Phone: (321) 633-2001 • Fax: (321) 633-2115 Website: BrevardFL.gov

#### DR-418 R. 12/99

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Chapter 196.1995, Florida Statutes

To be filed with the Board of County Commissioners, the governing boards of the municipality, or both, no later than March 1 of the year the exemption is desired to take effect.

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950122 Form 941 for 2023: Employer's QUARTERLY Federal Tax Return OMB No. 1545-0029 (Rev. March 2023) Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service Report for this Quarter of 2023 Employer identification number (EIN) (Check one.) Name (not your trade name) 1: January, February, March 2: April, May, June Trade name (if any) 3: July, August, September 4: October, November, December Address Suite or room number Number Street Go to www.irs.gov/Form941 for instructions and the latest information. State ZIP code City Foreign country name Fareign province/county Foreign postal code Read the separate instructions before you complete Form 941. Type or print within the boxes. Answer these questions for this quarter. Part 1: Number of employees who received wages, tips, or other compensation for the pay period including: Mar. 12 (Quarter 1), June 12 (Quarter 2), Sept. 12 (Quarter 3), or Dec. 12 (Quarter 4) 2 2 Federal income tax withheld from wages, tips, and other compensation . . . Check and go to line 6. If no wages, tips, and other compensation are subject to social security or Medicare tax Column 2 Column 1 Include taxable qualified sick and Taxable social security wages\* .  $\times$  0.124 = 5a family leave wages paid in this quarter of 2023 for leave taken  $\times 0.062 =$ (i) Qualified sick leave wages\* • 5a after March 31, 2021, and before October 1, 2021, on line 5a. Use  $\times$  0.062 = 5a (ii) Qualified family leave wages\* . lines 5a(i) and 5a(ii) only for taxable qualified sick and family leave  $\times 0.124 =$ wages paid in this quarter of 2023 Taxable social security tips . 5b for leave taken after March 31, 5c Taxable Medicare wages & tips.  $\times$  0.029 = 2020, and before April 1, 2021. Taxable wages & tips subject to 5d  $\times 0.009 =$ Additional Medicare Tax withholding Total social security and Medicare taxes. Add Column 2 from lines 5a, 5a(i), 5a(ii), 5b, 5c, and 5d 5e 5f Section 3121(q) Notice and Demand—Tax due on unreported tips (see instructions) Total taxes before adjustments. Add lines 3, 5e, and 5f . Current guarter's adjustment for fractions of cents . 7 B Current quarter's adjustments for tips and group-term life insurance 9 10 10 Total taxes after adjustments. Combine lines 6 through 9 Qualified small business payroll tax credit for increasing research activities. Attach Form 8974 11a 11b Nonrefundable portion of credit for qualified sick and family leave wages for leave taken before April 1, 2021

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County Manager's Office 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Building C, Room 301 Viera, Florida 32940

March 18, 2024

Via Certified Letter: #7020 1810 0001 3178 9712

William P. Kelly, CFO BK Technologies, Inc. 7100 Technology Dr W. Melbourne, FL 32904

Re: Brevard County's Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program Ordinance No. 2019-10

Dear Mr. Kelly,

The Board of County Commissioners on May 7, 2019, granted BK Technologies, Inc. an ad valorem tax exemption for a period of eight (8) years and eighty percent (80%) on real and tangible property added to the County's assessment roll at 7100 Technology Dr, W. Melbourne, FL 32904. As part of the requirements to continue to participate in the County's Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program, a Company is required to complete an "Economic Development Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption" (Annual Report) with the County by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. On January 12, 2024, BK Technologies, Inc. received an Annual Report template from Brevard County along with instructions for the completion of the Annual Report. An Annual Report is necessary in order for the County to determine if your Company continues to meet the definition of an expansion of an existing business and that your Company is fulfilling the representation made in your Company's application.

The County has made an attempt through an email to your Company, to assist you with fulfilling this requirement. However, to date, the County has not received your Company's Annual Report. Therefore, I am considering recommending the Board of County Commissioners revoke the County's Ad Valorem Tax Exemption granted to BK Technologies, Inc. at the Board's meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. If you have compelling reasons for the County to reconsider the revocation, please provide the information by Tuesday, April 9, 2024. I will consider any information you provide prior to making my recommendation. You may address your correspondence to the following address: 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building C, Room 301, Viera, Florida 32940 or you may call Karen Conde, Assistant to the County Manager, at 321-633-2001 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

**County Manager** 

**Brevard County, Florida** 

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<b>ORDINANCE NO.</b>	2024-
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AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2019-010 GRANTING TO BK TECHNOLOGIES, INC., CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS, FOR FAILURE TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR SUCH EXEMPTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, BK TECHNOLOGIES, INC., West Melbourne, Florida, no longer meets the criteria of Brevard County Ordinance 2019-010.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. Ordinance 2019-010 relating to the economic development ad valorem exemption granted to BK Technologies, Inc., located at 7100 Technology Drive, West Melbourne, Florida 32904, is hereby repealed; and

<u>Section 2</u>. In accordance with Section (1)(g) of Ordinance 2019-010, BK Technologies, Inc. shall reimburse those County ad valorem taxes abated in its favor for that period of time that it no longer met the criteria of section 196.012 (15), Florida Statutes.

<u>Section 3</u>. <u>Effective Date</u> - This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and filing as provided by law. A certified copy of the Ordinance shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State, State of Florida, within ten (10) days of enactment.

<u>Section 4</u>. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this ordinance amend the Code of Ordinances of Brevard County, Florida, as applicable.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED in Reg	gular Session this day of, 2024.				
ATTEST:	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA				
Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk	By: Jason Steele, Chair				
*	As approved by the Board on				