

**CITY OF DES MOINES
Commercial Tax Abatement**

Certain areas in Des Moines are designated to receive commercial tax abatement.

Commercial tax abatement is available for properties that are classified as “commercial” or “industrial” by the assessor. Check with the Permit & Development Center to see if the property is in an eligible area. In addition, there may also be design standards that must be met in order to qualify for commercial abatement.

The abatement is for renovation or new construction and must increase the assessed value of the property by at least 15%.

Properties can use either of the following schedules:

<i>3 yr./100% Schedule</i>	<i>10 yr./Declining Abatement</i>
Year 1 100% abated	Year 1 80% abated
Year 2 100% abated	Year 2 70% abated
Year 3 100% abated	Year 3 60% abated
	Year 4 50% abated
	Year 5 & 6 40% abated
	Year 7 & 8 30% abated
	Year 9 & 10 20% abated

For the commercial tax abatement application and frequently asked questions:

<http://www.ci.des-moines.ia.us/departments/CD/pdc/TaxAbatement.htm>



Commercial and Industrial Tax Abatement

Tax abatement allows a temporary exemption from taxation on a portion of the assessed value added by new construction and/or improvements to an existing structure.

Please note that while an improvement may be eligible for tax abatement, tax abatement can only be received if it is applied for at the correct time.

To receive the full benefit, the tax abatement application must be filed by February 1 after the calendar year when the new construction/ improvement is made. For 2010 new construction/ improvements, the application must be filed by February 1, 2011.

We strongly recommend consulting with the City’s Permit and Development Center regarding tax abatement when you apply for your building permit.

Permit & Development Center
602 Robert Ray Dr., Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 283-4500

**CITY OF DES MOINES
Industrial Tax Abatement**

Industrial tax abatement is available throughout Des Moines subject to certain conditions required by state law. The City Assessor must determine the business is classified as “industrial” and is located on land zoned for industrial purposes (as per Chapter 427B, Code of Iowa).

Chapter 427.B states the following is generally eligible for industrial tax abatement:

- New construction
- Rehab/Retrofitting of existing building for improvements required due to economic obsolescence and necessary to meet current industrial standards for manufacturing/processing, subject to pre-approval.

Pre-approval for rehab/retrofit tax abatement must be obtained from the Des Moines City Council before construction starts. Contact the Office of Economic Development (515-283-4004) for the pre-approval process.

The abatement is allowed for the value added to the property for a five-year period using the following schedule.

<i>Tax Year</i>	<i>Amount Abated</i>
Year 1	75%
Year 2	60%
Year 3	45%
Year 4	30%
Year 5	15%

Industrial Tax Abatement, *Continued*

An application for industrial tax abatement must be filed by the owner of the property with the Polk County Assessor by February 1 following the calendar year in which the improvement is made.

The application and instructions are available on the Polk County website at:

application:

<http://www.assess.co.polk.ia.us/web/forms/pdf/assessor/indproptaxexemp.pdf>

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<http://www.assess.co.polk.ia.us/web/forms/pdf/assessor/indproptaxexempinst.pdf>

Call the assessor’s office at 515-286-3368 if you have questions.

For information on Commercial Tax Abatement →