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[New Jobs Tax Credit Expansion]

AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE PART III, ARTICLE 12-A, SECTION 906B AND PART III, ARTICLE 12-B, SECTION 1005.6 TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS OF TAX CREDITS FOR NEW JOBS CREATED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1998.

Note:

Additions are <u>underlined</u>; deletions are in ((double parentheses)). **OR** This entire section is new.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Municipal Code, Part III, Article 12-A, Section 906B is Amended to read as follows:

SEC. 906B. NEW JOBS TAX CREDIT. (a) Purpose. The purpose of this provision is to increase the number of permanent job (which in no case shall be a job lasting less than two years) within the City and County of San Francisco by providing an incentive for businesses to create or relocate jobs in San Francisco that otherwise would be situated elsewhere. The Board of Supervisors encourages business to consider the placement of San Francisco residents in jobs which are created or relocated and which result in tax credits as provided in this Section.

(b) General Rule.

Any business, as defined in Section 902.2 of Part III of the Municipal Code, shall be allowed a credit against the Payroll Expense Tax for each new job created on or after July 1, 1993; however, in no event shall the tax credit reduce a taxpayer's liability for such tax to less than zero. Each taxpayer claiming the tax credit shall file with the Tax Collector, on a form prescribed by the Tax Collector, an affidavit under penalty of perjury attesting to the facts required by the Tax Collector to establish the taxpayer's entitlement to the tax credit consistent with this Section and regulations adopted by the Tax Collector.

(2) No business shall be allowed a credit under this Section for any job which previously had been performed in San Francisco for a predecessor employer.

(c) Amount of Credit.

(1) For purposes of this Section, the amount of the new jobs tax credit for any given year, subject to the conditions below, shall be a percentage of the additional Payroll Expense Tax that otherwise would be due (assuming for this purpose that the Business Tax does not apply) for a individual hired after July 1, 1993 and prior to January 1, 1998 for a job qualifying for the credit based on the employee's duration of employment as follow:

Duration of Employment	Tax Credit
First 12 months	100%
Second 12 months	50%

For an individual hired on or after January 1, 1998 for a job qualifying for the credit the credit shall be as follows:

<u>Duration of Employment</u>	<u>Tax Credit</u>
First 24 months	<u>100%</u>
Next 24 months	<u>50%</u>

- (2) For purposes of this Section, "base year liability" for any given tax year shall be the employer's highest Payroll Tax liability (exclusive of any credits granted under this provision) for any prior year from 1992 on.
- (3) No credit shall be allowed for any first year of employment to the extent that such credit would reduce the employer's Payroll Tax Expense liability below that employer's base year liability.
- (4) No credit shall be allowed for any second year of employment to the extent that such credit for second year employment and any credits for first year of employment would reduce the employer's Payroll Tax Expense liability below the employer's previous base year liability.

- (5) No credit shall be allowed for any third or fourth year of employment to the extent that such credit for third or fourth year employment and any credits for first and second year of employment would reduce the employer's Payroll Tax Expense liability below the employer's previous base year liability.
- ((5)) (6) For purposes of this limitation, it shall be presumed that the employer is liable for the Payroll Expense Tax, regardless of the Business Tax.
- (d) **Small Business Tax Exemption**. If after the new jobs tax credit the net tax does not exceed \$2,500, and the taxpayer is a "small business enterprise" as defined in Section 905-A of this Part, the taxpayer shall be exempt from taxation under this ordinance.
- (e) **Regulations**. The Tax Collector is directed to adopt and promulgate and to enforce rules and regulations relating to the application of this Section including provisions which provide penalties due to fraud, any underpayment of tax, or an intent to evade this ordinance or authorized rules and regulations. The Board of Review shall approve, modify or disapprove the rules and regulations prescribed by the Tax Collector pursuant to this ordinance. Any rules and regulations adopted by the Tax Collector shall also be approved by the City Attorney, and further provided that any modifications determined by the Board of Review shall be approved as to legal form by the City Attorney. The rules and regulations shall become effective 30 days after receipt by the Clerk of the Board, unless the Board of Supervisors disapproves or modifies the regulations. The Board of Supervisors' determination to modify or disapprove a rule or regulation submitted by the Tax collector pursuant to this ordinance shall not impair the ability of the Tax Collector to submit the same or a similar rule or regulation to the Board of Supervisors if the Tax Collector determines it is necessary to effectuate the purpose of this ordinance.
- (f) **Report on Effect of Tax Credit**. The Tax collector shall submit a report to the Board of Supervisors on May 31, 1994, and every year thereafter for which the tax credit is

available, which evaluates the effect of the tax credit on employment and local tax revenues. The Tax Collector shall also make available to the Board of Supervisors the aggregate information of the dollar value of the new jobs tax credits claimed each year by businesses.

(g) **Expiration**. The New Job Tax Credit provided in this Section shall expire on December 31, 2002, unless the Board of Supervisors extends the credit.

Section 2. Municipal Code, Part III, Article 12-B, Section 1005.6 is Amended to read as follows:

SEC. 1005.6 NEW JOBS TAX CREDIT. (a) Purpose. The purpose of this provision is to increase the number of permanent jobs (which in no case shall be a job lasting less than two years) within the City and County of San Francisco by providing an incentive for businesses to create or relocate jobs in San Francisco that otherwise would be situated elsewhere.

(b) General Rule.

- (1) Any business, as defined in Section 1002.1 of Part III of the Municipal Code, shall be allowed a credit against the Payroll Expense Tax for each new job created on or after July 1, 1993; however, in no event shall the tax credit reduce a taxpayer's liability for such tax to less than zero. Each taxpayer claiming the tax credit shall file with the Tax Collector, on a form prescribed by the Tax Collector, an affidavit under penalty of perjury attesting to the facts required by the Tax Collector to establish the taxpayer's entitlement to the tax credit consistent with this Section and regulations adopted by the Tax Collector.
- (2) No business shall be allowed a credit under this Section for any job which previously had been performed in San Francisco for a predecessor employer.

(c) Amount of Credit.

(1) For purposes of this Section, the amount of the new jobs tax credit for any given year, subject to the conditions below, shall be a percentage of the additional Payroll Expense Tax that otherwise would be due (assuming for this purpose that the Business Tax does not apply) for an individual hired after July 1, 1993 and prior January 1, 1998 for a job qualifying for the credit based on the employee's duration of employment as follows:

Duration of Employment	Tax Credit
First 12 months	100%
Second 12 months	50%

For an individual hired on or after January 1, 1998 for a job qualifying for the credit, the credit shall be as follows:

Duration of Employment	<u>Tax Credit</u>
First 24 months	<u>100%</u>
Next 24 months	<u>50%</u>

- (2) For purposes of this Section, "base year liability" for any given tax year shall be the employer's highest Payroll Tax liability (exclusive of any credits granted under this provision) for any prior year from 1992 on.
- (3) No credit shall be allowed for any first year of employment to the extent that such credit would reduce the employer's Payroll Tax Expense liability below that employer's base year liability.
- (4) No credit shall be allowed for any second year of employment to the extent that such credit for second year employment and any credits for first year of employment would reduce the employer's Payroll Tax Expense liability below the employer's previous base year liability.
- (5) No credit shall be allowed for any third or fourth year of employment to the extent that such credit for third or fourth year employment and any credits for first and second

- ((5)) (6) For purposes of this limitation, it shall be presumed that the employer is liable for the Payroll Expense Tax regardless of the Business Tax.
- (d) **Small Business Tax Exemption**. If after the new jobs tax credit the net tax does not exceed \$2,500, and the taxpayer is a "small business enterprise" as defined in Section 1005.3 of this Part, the taxpayer shall be exempt from taxation under this ordinance.
- (e) Special Regulations. The Tax Collector is directed to adopt and promulgate and to enforce rules and regulations relating to the application of this Section including provisions which provide penalties due to fraud, any underpayment of tax, or an intent to evade this ordinance or authorized rules and regulations. The Board of Review, as provided for in Section 614-3 of this Code, shall approve, modify or disapprove the rules and regulations prescribed by the Tax Collector pursuant to this ordinance. Any rules and regulations adopted by the Tax Collector shall also be approved by the City Attorney, and further provided that any modifications determined by the Board of Review shall be approved as to legal form by the City Attorney. The rules and regulations shall become effective 30 days after receipt by the Clerk of the Board, unless the Board of Supervisors disapproves or modifies the regulations. The Board of Supervisors' determination to modify or disapprove a rule or regulation submitted by the Tax collector pursuant to this ordinance shall not impair the ability of the Tax Collector to submit the same or a similar rule or regulation to the Board of Supervisors if the Tax Collector determines it is necessary to effectuate the purpose of this ordinance.
- (f) **Report on Effect of Tax Credit**. The Tax Collector shall submit a report to the Board of Supervisors on May 31, 1994, and every year thereafter for which the tax credit is available, which evaluates the effect of the tax credit on employment and local tax revenues.

The Tax Collector shall also make available to the Board of Supervisors the aggregate information of the dollar value of the new jobs tax credits claimed each year by businesses.

(g) **Expiration**. The New Job Tax Credit provided in this Section shall expire on December 31, 2002, unless the Board of Supervisors extends the credit.

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Ordinance amending Municipal Code Part III, Sections 906B and 1005.6 to add two additional years of tax credits for new jobs created on or after January 1, 1998.

December 7, 1998 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 7 - Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Noes: 2 - Ammiano, Bierman Absent: 2 - Medina, Newsom

December 14, 1998 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 9 - Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Medina, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Noes: 2 - Ammiano, Bierman

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on December 14, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.