

# Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY

**Date:** (Second Reading 01-20-05)  
**November 30, 2004**

Agenda Item No. 6(J)

**To:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager



**Subject: Ordinance Granting Enterprise Zone Ad Valorem Tax Exemption  
Under Ordinance 96-74 for Jetro Cash & Carry of Florida**

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that pursuant to the provisions of Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, and Miami-Dade County Ordinance 96-74, that the Board approve an ordinance granting Enterprise Zone Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Jetro Cash & Carry of Florida hereinafter referred to as "Business." The total amount of tax exemption beginning in fiscal year 2003 for improvements to real estate is \$1,816.53. Approximately \$2,000,000 in private funds have been invested in the Enterprise Zone and, as a result, six (6) new full-time jobs have been created and added by this business for a total of 149 employees, of which 35 of them are residents of the Enterprise Zone.

## BACKGROUND

On April 19, 1988, the Board enacted Ordinance No. 88-27, which authorized Enterprise Zone Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for new or expanding businesses, which invest in these zones. On May 21, 1996, the aforementioned ordinance was revised and enacted as Ordinance No.96-74.

The Business has filed an application for Enterprise Zone Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for improvements made to its real properties and for acquisition of tangible personal property. The Property Appraiser reviewed the application and inspected the property to arrive at determinations of the appropriate exemption.

To be eligible for this exemption, a new or expanded business shall create a minimum of five (5) new full-time jobs. If, on a given year of the 5 year exemption, 20% or more of a business' permanent full-time employees are residents of the Enterprise Zone, the exemption for that year will be 100 % of the assessed value of all improvements to real property, or 100 % of the assessed value of all tangible personal property. In case the company cannot comply with the 20% residency requirement of their employees living in the Enterprise Zone, then the exemption for that year will be 50% of the assessed value.

Once the Board has granted approval, Miami-Dade's Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) will monitor the firm's compliance during the life of the tax exemption.

Florida State incentives available in the Enterprise Zone include jobs tax credit, property tax credit, community contribution tax credit, sales tax exemption on building materials and sales tax exemption on

business equipment. The Business has indicated that the availability of these incentives was a contributing factor in its decision to expand in the Enterprise Zone.

Detailed information regarding the Business is provided below. The tax exemption is based on the estimated countywide and unincorporated municipal service area millage rate of 5.969 for fiscal year 2003, which is the year the Business became eligible for the tax abatement.

**Jetro Cash & Carry of Florida**

Address: 1100 NW 21 Street, Miami, Florida 33127

Community Redevelopment Area (CRA): NO

Product: Wholesaler Grocery Distributor

Contact Person: Herb Friesner, Consultant  
(305) 825-5545

Employment: Six (6) new jobs for a total of 149 jobs

Basis for Application: Improvements to Real Estate

Total New Investment: \$2,000,000

Exemption Eligibility: \$ 304,328 (real property)  
\$ (tangible personal property)

Estimated County Tax Exemption Per Year: \$ 1,816.53 (real property)  
\$ (tangible personal property)

**Total: \$ 1,816.53**

Period: 5 Years

**ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

The economic impact of the ordinance is summarized in the Economic Impact Analysis Chart on page 3. If the full exemption was granted, the impact on the County budget would be to reduce revenues by \$1,816.53 for fiscal year 2003, based on estimated 2003 millages. The portion, which applies to improvements to real property, totaling \$1,816.53 in fiscal year 2003, remains relatively constant for the duration of the exemption period. Please see attached revenue implication statement prepared by the Property Appraiser's Office for this project.

The impact of the exemption on the private sector is to reduce the applicant's operating costs by these amounts, which is intended as an incentive to invest and create jobs in the most distressed areas of

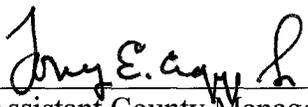
Miami-Dade County. The Business created 6 new jobs and now has a total of 149 employees, of which 35 jobs have been made available for residents of the Enterprise Zone. Exemption recipients are monitored annually for compliance with maintaining five (5) new full-time job requirements. Businesses found not to be in compliance with maintaining five (5) new full-time employees will lose their tax exemption.

The initial cost of processing the application is offset by a \$50 application fee, plus 10% of the first year's exemption. The public benefits of this project is the investment and job creation in Miami-Dade County's distressed areas. The additional payroll and economic activity generates other taxable activity. In addition, once the exemption period ends, the County will receive the increased taxes from the expanded business.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS CHART**

<b>Company</b>	<b>Exemption</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Projected Total Jobs</b>	<b>Projected E.Z. Jobs</b>	<b>Projected New Jobs</b>	<b>Total New Investment</b>
Jetro Cash & Carry of Florida	\$1,816.53	5 Yrs.	149	35 (23 %)	6	\$2,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,816.53</b>	<b>5 Yrs.</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

Attachment

  
Assistant County Manager

**Enterprise Zone Abatement  
Property Tax Assessments/Revenue Implications**

**Business Name:** Jetro Cash & Carry of Florida  
**Address:** 1100 N.W. 21 St. Miami, Fl. 33127  
**Folio #:** 01-3126-054-0480

**Estimate- 2003**

1. Assessed Value of Improvements/Additions to:

(a) Real Property		<u>\$304,328</u>
(b) Tangible Personal Property		<u>\$0</u>

2. Total Taxes Levied on Improvements and Additions to:

(a) Real Property (excluding land) (Based on 2003 millages)		<u>\$8,192</u>
(I) County Operating	\$1,816.53	
(ii) Unincorporated Municipal Service Area	\$0.00	
(iii) Debt Service	\$86.73	
(v) All other property taxes	\$6,288.63	
(b) Tangible Personal Property (Based on 2003 millages)		<u>\$0</u>
(I) County Operating	\$0.00	
(ii) Unincorporated Municipal Service Area	\$0.00	
(iii) Debt Service	\$0.00	
(v) All other property taxes	\$0.00	

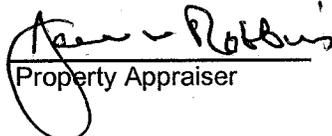
Revenue Implications :

3. Total property tax revenue for the current tax year from ad valorem taxes:		<u>\$1,085,664,000</u>				
4. Total revenue forgone for the current fiscal year by virtue of exemptions previously granted under this section:		<u>\$1,000,238</u>				
5. Total revenue forgone for the current fiscal year if exemption applied for is granted:	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>R.E. :</td> <td><u>\$1,816.53</u></td> <td>P.P. :</td> <td><u>\$0.00</u></td> </tr> </table>	R.E. :	<u>\$1,816.53</u>	P.P. :	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,816.53</u>
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6. Taxable value forgone if the exemption applied for were granted on:		<u>\$304,328</u>				
(a) Improvement to Real Property	<u>\$304,328</u>					
(b) Tangible personal Property	<u>\$0</u>					

7. Last year for which exemption may be applied for 2007.

Date: 5-25-04

Signed:

  
Property Appraiser

**Jetro Cash and Carry**

**NEW Full Time Employees**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>STREETLINE1</b>	<b>STREETLINE2</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>ZIP</b>
1	Armenteros, David	275 NW 72 Ave	#2	Miami	FL	33126
2	Cobb, Charles L	1990 NW 1st PL		Miami	FL	33136
3	Desrosiers, Jean Jude	751 NE 83 Terrace		Miami	FL	33138
4	Flores, Nelson	1632 NW 16 Terrace		Miami	FL	33125
5	Gonzales, Victor	9426 NW 2 Place		Miami Shores	FL	33150
6	Rivera, Awilda	575 NW 134 Street		Miami	FL	33168

TOTAL EMPLOYEES 149  
ENTERPRISE ZONE EMPLOYEES 35  
PERCENT ENTERPRISE ZONE EMPLOYEES 23%



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez      DATE: January 20, 2005  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM:   
Robert A. Ginsburg  
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 6(J)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE GRANTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO JETRO CASH & CARRY OF FLORIDA, AN EXPANDED BUSINESS LOCATED IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE; PROVIDING SCOPE AND TERMS OF EXEMPTION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION DATE

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes the need to stimulate economic development in certain areas of Miami-Dade County which are economically depressed, where housing and structural conditions are blighted and deteriorated, and where unemployment and poverty are prevalent, said areas being designated "Enterprise Zones" as defined in Section 196.012 and Sections 290.004, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution, the State has enacted Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, providing a local government option for ad valorem tax exemption to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses in each such Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, this Board authorized Enterprise Zone Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions to new businesses and for the expansion of existing businesses located in the Enterprise Zone through Ordinance No. 96-74, enacted on May 21, 1996; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to encourage economic growth and development and alleviate the conditions of unemployment, economic disinvestments and poverty by creating new

construction, new jobs and an enhanced business climate particularly for small or minority-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, Jetro Cash & Carry of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "Business", located at 1100 NW 21 Street, Miami, Florida 33127, within Enterprise Zone No. 1301 has made application for ad valorem tax exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the Business has committed to this Board that it will maintain a work force of at least five (5) employees of whom at least twenty percent (20%) must be residents of the Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the Business has tax bills which are current; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that ad valorem tax exemption is appropriate and consistent with the public purpose to eliminate the serious and distressing economic conditions of the designated "Enterprise Zone" in Miami-Dade County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Legislative Intent and Findings of Public Purpose. The above recitations of legislative intent and findings of public purpose are fully incorporated herein as part of this ordinance.

Section 2. Eligibility Requirements. This Board finds the Business is an "expanded business" as defined in Section 196.012(16) (b) Florida Statutes (1991) and as defined in Miami-

Dade County Ordinance No. 96-74 and after careful consideration of certain factors including those enumerated in Section 29-84(d) of the Dade County Code finds and determines the Business is eligible for ad valorem tax exemption.

Section 3. Granting the Exemption. This Board hereby grants ad valorem tax exemptions pursuant to Ordinance No. 96-74, enacted on May 21, 1996, to Jetro Cash & Carry of Florida located at 1100 NW 21 Street, Miami, Florida 33127, an “expanded business”. The exemption shall be up to 100% of the eligible assessed value of the improvements to real property and the eligible tangible personal property, if the company complies with the 20% residency requirement of their employees living in the Enterprise Zone. If the company cannot comply with the 20% residency requirement of their employees living in the Enterprise Zone, then the exemption, for that year, will be 50% of the eligible assessed value of the improvements to real property and the eligible tangible personal property acquired and owned by the Business and located at 1100 NW 21 Street, Miami, Florida 33127.

Section 4. Revenue Implications. The total amount of revenue available to the County from ad valorem tax sources for the 2003 fiscal year is \$1.1 billion. The total amount of revenue foregone by the County for the 2003 fiscal year by virtue of Enterprise Zone Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions is \$1,000,238. The revenue foregone by the County attributable to the exemption of the Business named in the ordinance is estimated at \$1,816.53 for real property based on the assessment by the Property Appraiser of Miami-Dade County.

Section 5. Duration and Expiration of the Tax Exemption. The duration of the Enterprise Zone Ad Valorem Tax Exemption granted to the Business is five (5) years. The tax

exemption granted in this ordinance shall expire after the 2007 tax assessment rolls of Miami-Dade County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Business must file for a renewal of the exemption each year for which the exemption is sought. Failure to file a renewal with the Property Appraiser by March 1 of each year, shall constitute a waiver of the exemption for the year.

Section 6. Scope of Exemptions. The property tax exemption authorized through this ordinance shall be up to 100% of the eligible assessed value of the improvements to real property and the eligible tangible personal property, if the company complies with the 20% residency requirement of their employees living in the Enterprise Zone. If the company cannot comply with the 20% residency requirement of their employees living in the Enterprise Zone, then the exemption, for that year, will be 50% of the eligible assessed value of the improvements to real property and the eligible tangible personal property made by or for the use of the Business. The exemption shall apply only to Miami-Dade County countywide operating millage and when applicable, the unincorporated municipal service area millage and shall not apply to taxes levied for payment of bonds or to taxes authorized by vote of the electors pursuant to Section 9(b) of Section 12, Article VII of the State Constitution. The exemption shall not be prolonged or extended by granting exemption from additional taxes or by virtue of any reorganization or sale of the Business receiving the exemption.

Section 7. Penalties. Non-compliance during the life of the tax exemptions unless expressly waived by the Board, with any of the eligibility requirements of Section 29-87 of the Miami-Dade County Code will nullify the tax exemption benefits granted through this ordinance

and the Business shall be required to make payments of taxes exempted in addition to interest accrued from the date of non-compliance.

Section 8. Fee. The Business named in the ordinance will pay a \$50 application fee and a fee of 10% of the first year tax exemption to cover administrative expenses of Miami-Dade County in processing the application for tax exemption. The fee is non-refundable even if Dade County rescinds the tax exemptions due to non-compliance with eligibility requirements.

Section 9. Renewal Provisions. Enterprise Zone Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions granted through this ordinance can be renewed each year for the duration of the term of the exemption as indicated in Section 5 of this ordinance; however, the Business must re-apply to maintain the exemptions on or before March 1 of each year for which the renewal is sought. Failure to file a renewal application with the Property Appraiser by March 1 of any year shall constitute a waiver of the exemption for that year.

Section 10. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 11. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

