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(Second Reading 02-06-07)

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: December 19, 2006

Agenda Item No. 7(P)

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Ordinance Granting Enterprise Zone Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Under Ordinance No. 96-74 for Fortune Stone, Inc.

O#07-30

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached ordinance granting Enterprise Zone Ad Valorem Tax Exemption to Fortune Stone, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Business," pursuant to the provisions of Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, and Miami-Dade County Ordinance No. 96-74.

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 new full-time jobs. If, on any given year of the 5-year exemption, 20 percent or more of a business' permanent full-time employees are residents of the Enterprise Zone, the exemption for that year will be 100 percent of the assessed value of all improvements to real property and 100 percent of the assessed value of all tangible personal property. In case the company cannot comply with the 20 percent residency requirement of their employees living within the Enterprise Zone, then the exemption for that year will be 50 percent of the assessed value of the improvements to real estate and improvements to tangible personal property.

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 locate in the Enterprise Zone.

Detailed information regarding the Business is provided below. The tax exemption is based on the total millage rate of 8.282 (5.835 countywide and 2.447 unincorporated municipal service area) for FY 2005-06, the year the Business became eligible for the tax abatement.

Fortune Stone, Inc.

Address:	3601 NW 123rd Street, Miami, FL 33167	
Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)	No	
Business:	Manufacturer of stone products, tiles, pavers and columns	
Contact Person:	Richard A. Fernandez, C.P.A. (954) 370-0300	
Employment:	40 New Jobs	
Basis for Application:	Improvements to Real Estate and Acquisition of Tangible Personal Property	
Total New Investment:	$1,500,000 Approximately	
Exemption Eligibility:	$1,019,322 $ 148,354	(real property) (tangible personal property)
Estimated County Tax Exemption Per Year:	$4,221 $ 615 **$4,836**	(real property) (tangible personal property)
Period:	5 Years	

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

If the full exemption is granted, the impact on the County budget would be to reduce revenues by $9,671 for FY 2005-06, based on the FY 2005-06 countywide and unincorporated municipal service area millage rates. The portion which applies to improvements to real property ($8,442) remains relatively constant for the duration of the exemption period. The portion which applies to tangible personal property ($1,229) declines annually as the property is depreciated. However, the Business is entitled to only $4,836 in total tax exemption, which represents 50 percent of each of the eligible tax exemptions because it has less than 20 percent employment from the Enterprise Zone.

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 40 new jobs, which include a total of three jobs for residents of the Enterprise Zone. Exemption recipients are monitored annually for compliance with maintaining five new full-time jobs. Businesses found not to be in compliance with maintaining five new full-time employees will lose their tax exemption.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS CHART

Company	Exemption	Term	Total Jobs Existing	Projected New Jobs Since Investment	Projected EZ Jobs	Total New Investment
Fortune Stone, Inc.	$4,836	5 Yrs.	40	40	3 (8%)	$1,500,000

The initial cost of processing the application is offset by a $50 application fee, plus 10 percent of the first year's exemption. The public benefits of this project are 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.

Please see attached revenue implication statement prepared by the Property Appraiser's Office for this project.

Attachment

Cynthia W. Curry
Senior Advisor to the County Manager

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 6, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 7(P)

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**

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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02-06-07

ORDINANCE NO. 07-30

ORDINANCE GRANTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO FORTUNE STONE, INC., A NEW 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 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 Section 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

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WHEREAS, Fortune Stone, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Business", located at 3601 NW 123rd Street, Miami, FL 33167, 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; 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,

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 a "new business" as defined in Section 196.012(15) (b) Florida Statutes (1991) and as defined in Miami-Dade County Code Section 29-82(b), and after careful consideration of certain factors including those enumerated in Section 29-84(a) and (b) of the Miami-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 Fortune Stone, Inc., located at 3601 NW 123rd Street, Miami, FL 33167, a "new 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 3601 NW 123rd Street, Miami, FL 33167.

Section 4. Revenue Implications. The total amount of revenue available to the County from ad valorem tax sources for the FY 2005-06 is $1.022 billion. The total amount of revenue foregone by the County for FY 2005-06 by virtue of Enterprise Zone Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions is $618,945. The revenue foregone by the County attributable to the exemption of the Business named in the ordinance is estimated at $4,221 for real property and $615 for tangible personal property, which represents 50% of the eligible tax exemption, 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 2009 tax assessment rolls of Miami-Dade County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Business must apply for a renewal of the exemption each year for which the exemption is sought. Failure to file a renewal application with the Office of Community and Economic Development 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. All fees are non-refundable even if Miami-Dade County rescinds the tax exemptions due to non-compliance with eligibility requirements. Fees are payable to Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

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 by March 1 of every year with the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) 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.

Section 12. Sunset. This ordinance shall stand repealed five (5) years from its effective date.

PASSED AND ADOPTED: February 6, 2007

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Prepared by:

Shannon D. Summerset

Enterprise Zone Abatement
Property Tax Assessments/Revenue Implications

Business Name:	**Fortune Stone Inc.**		**Estimate- 2005**
Address:	**3601 N.W. 123 St. Miami, Fl.**		
Folio #:	**30-2128-022-0010**	**P.P. # 40-134932**	

1. Assessed Value of Improvements/Additions to:
   (a) Real Property — $1,019,322

   (b) Tangible Personal Property — $150,140

2. Total Taxes Levied on Improvements and Additions to:

   (a) Real Property (excluding land) (Based on 2005 millages) — $21,728

(I) County Operating	$5,948
(ii) Unincorporated Municipal Service Area	$2,494
(iii) Debt Service	$291
(v) All other property taxes	$12,996

   (b) Tangible Personal Property (Based on 2005 millages) — $3,200

(I) County Operating	$876
(ii) Unincorporated Municipal Service Area	$367
(iii) Debt Service	$43
(v) All other property taxes	$1,914

Revenue Implications :

3. Total property tax revenue for the current tax year from ad valorem taxes: — $1,022,425,680

4 Total revenue forgone for the current fiscal year by virtue of exemptions previously granted under this section: — $618,945

5. Total revenue forgone for the current fiscal year if exemption applied for is granted: **R.E. :** $8,442 **P.P. :** $1,229 — $9,671

6. Taxable value forgone if the exemption applied for were granted on: — $1,167,676
   (a) Improvement to Real Property — $1,019,322
   (b) Tangible personal Property — $148,354

7. Last year for which exemption may be applied for 2009.

Date: 8/25/2006

Signed: Property Appraiser

PTARI FORM

FORTUNE STONE, INC.
Employee Contact List

Employee	Address
Adalberto Villaba	1230 West 54th Street Apt. #212 Hialeah, FL 33012
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Aleida Caceres	3030 SW 57 Ave. Miami, FL 33155
Ana M Alonso	8270 S.W. 31st Street Miami, FL 33155
Christopher Reaves	1364 NW 80th Terrace Plantation, FL 33322
Concepcion Nolasco	2382 NW 30th STREET Miami, FL 33142
Denis Hernandez	PO BOX 160205 HIALEAH, FL 33016
Evelio Montes De Oca	3210 NW 99 St Miami, FL 33147
German Y Figeroa	1330 West 54th Street Apt. #212 Hialeah, FL 33012
Glenda J Arevalo	1948 NW 34 Street Miami, FL 33142
Jairo Negrette	15346 SW 72 Street Bldg. 22 / Apt. 22 MIAMI, FL 33193
Joaquin Medina	85 West 28th Street Apt. #4 Hialeah, FL 33010
Jose A Funes	2738 NW 28 Street Miami, FL 33167
Jose D Sauceda	61 West 14th Street Apt. #J Hialeah, FL 33010
Juan Carlos Bernal	13111 SW 56th Terr Miami, FL 33183
Juan Flores	1348 W 60 Terr Hialeah, FL 33012
Juan O Fernandez	8979 NW 112 Terr. Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018
Kevin T. Kline	7085 NOVA DRIVE #111 Davie, FL 33317
Lesley Bernal	132 Santillana Ave Apt # 4 Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Manuel C. Castillo	210 Fontainebleau Blvd # 509 Miami, FL
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Marlon D. Enamorado	3321 NW 22nd Ave., Apt. 11 Miami, FL 33142
Martin Espinoza	1948 NW 34 Street Miami, FL 33142
Michael Marcaida	8600 SW 109th Ave Miami, FL 33173
Miguel A. Bernal, Jr.	11450 N.W. 21st Court Plantation, FL 33323
Miguel A. Bernal, Sr.	7325 S.W. 18 St. Miami, FL 33155
Olga M. Nunez	2729 NW 24 AVE Miami, FL 33142
Orlando Bernal	14231 SW 74 Street Miami, FL 33183
Oscar Jaramillo	17820 NW 73 Avenue #203 Miami, FL 33015
Oscar O Mendoza	61 W 14 Street Apt # 1 Hialeah, FL 33010
Osiris Cordero	2235 NW 35 Street Miami, FL 33142
Paulino Alfaro	3210 NW 99 Street Opalocka, FL 33147
Ramon Escalante	3226 NW 22 AVE #15 Miami, FL 33142
Roman Rodriguez	7305 SW 148 COURT MIAMI, FL 33193
Stephen Wallington	10709 N. Preserve Way Miramar, FL 33025
Vicente Alvarado	2176 NW 17 Avenue Miami, FL 33142
William Machado	807 W 74 Street Hialeah, FL 33014
William O'Reardon	5711 SW 130 Place Miami, FL 33183

Total Employment: 40
EZ Employment: 3 (8%)

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