

ORDINANCE 26-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF PINELLAS, PROVIDING FOR THE REVOCATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-31 ALLOWING AN EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAXATION TO JABIL, INC. PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PROCESS FOR DISSOLUTION OF EXISTING PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORITY TO SIGN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Florida and Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, the State has provided for a local Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program upon the successful passage of a referendum; and

WHEREAS, by a referendum held on August 26, 2014, the electors of Pinellas County have authorized the local establishment of the program providing for the granting of ad valorem tax exemptions, which may be renewed for a subsequent ten-year period if approved by subsequent referendum; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida (the "Board") adopted Ordinance 2018-08, amending previously adopted Ordinance 2014-56, and codified in Chapter 118, Article VII of the Pinellas County Code (the "Master Ordinance") authorizing the granting of such exemptions; and

WHEREAS, in a referendum held on August 20, 2024, the electors of Pinellas County renewed the authorization to grant ad valorem tax exemptions; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2024, the Board adopted Ordinance 24-37, amending Chapter 188, Section 118-181 of the Pinellas County Code extending the authority to grant economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to August 21, 2034; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2020, the Board adopted Ordinance 2020-31 approving Jabil, Inc.'s Phase I application to Pinellas County requesting an ad valorem tax exemption for 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying improvements to real property and qualifying tangible personal property specified in its application; and

WHEREAS, in its application, Jabil, Inc. stated the following:

- A. Name of business: Jabil, Inc.
- B. Location of Phase I Facility: 10900 Roosevelt Blvd. N., St. Petersburg, Florida 33716
- C. Name of owners of business: Jabil, Inc. / Chief Executive, Mark Mondello. Officer: Sergio Cadavid - S.V.P. Treasurer
- D. It will acquire, renovate and equip an approximate 39,900 square foot facility, and invest approximately \$11,727,141.00 in the renovation and equipment.
- E. It will create a total of 12 new jobs by December 31, 2019 (14% job increase of base employment at the Phase I facility), at a combined average annual wage of \$62,900.00 at the Phase I facility.
- F. It is committed to reducing its carbon footprint through recycling programs and promoting telecommuting.

WHEREAS, as a condition to receiving the ad valorem tax exemption, Jabil, Inc. was required to enter into a Tax Exemption Performance Agreement (the "Performance Agreement") with the County containing terms and conditions commensurate with Ordinance 2020-31 and the application submitted by Jabil, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Jabil, Inc. no longer wishes to participate in the Phase I Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program, and it is in the County's best interest to revoke the previously adopted ordinance granting said exemption as well as termination of any agreements entered into with Jabil, Inc. prefaced on that ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance No. 2020-31 Approving Jabil, Inc. Ad Valorem Tax Exemption PHASE I is hereby repealed and declared null and void and of no further effect.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any Section, Subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not be construed to render the remaining provisions of this Ordinance invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. Process for Dissolving Performance Agreement; Authority to Sign. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that once the staff has determined that all the requirements under the Performance Agreement have been met; Pinellas County may move forward to dissolve the Performance Agreement with Jabil, Inc. for the Phase I Ad Valorem Tax Exemption and the Pinellas County Administrator is hereby authorized to sign any necessary documentation to effectuate said dissolution and termination of the Performance Agreement.

SECTION 4. Filing of Ordinance; Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This Ordinance shall become effective upon filing of the ordinance with the Department of State.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Ordinance and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
By: Cody J. Ward
Office of the County Attorney