



City of Washington

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TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

Dear Property Owner:

The City of Washington has implemented a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Abatement (LERTA) ordinance. Properties eligible for the City's LERTA tax abatement program are commercial buildings located in the following three City zoning classifications:

- (1) Business Improvements District, which includes the downtown area;
- (2) General Business District, which includes most of the major commercial thoroughfares through the City, such as Jefferson Avenue, West Chestnut Street, and Murtland/Ridge/Highland Avenues;
- (3) Development District, which is our zoning classification for industrial/manufacturing uses.

If you are uncertain of the zoning classification of your property, Ron McIntyre, City Code Enforcement Officer, can verify the correct zoning classification.

Under the City's LERTA ordinance, eligible properties for which applications are received and approved receive abatement for the increase in property taxes due to any assessment increases that result from building improvements. Approved applicants will receive tax abatement of increased taxes resulting from building improvements at a rate of 100% for 3 years, for City, School District and County property taxes levied on buildings.

In order to receive the benefits of the LERTA abatement, an application must be submitted by the property owner and approved by the appropriate City officials. We will try to assist you as best we can if you choose to make application for LERTA tax abatement.