

1 [Garment Manufacturers' Tax Credit]  
2 AMENDING ARTICLE 12-B OF PART III OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL CODE  
3 (REVENUE AND FINANCE/BUSINESS REGULATIONS) BY AMENDING SECTION 1005.8  
4 THERETO, PERMITTING GARMENT MANUFACTURERS TO CLAIM 60 PERCENT OF THE  
5 CREDIT PROVIDED BY THIS PROVISION IN THE TAXABLE YEAR THAT CREDITABLE  
6 COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE INCURRED AND 40 PERCENT OF THE CREDIT IN THE  
7 TAXABLE YEAR FOLLOWING SUCH YEAR, AND PROVIDING A DEFINITION OF THE  
8 TERM "GARMENT MANUFACTURER".

9 Note: Additions are underlined; deletions are in ((double parentheses)).

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

11 Section 1. 12-B of the San Francisco Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending  
12 Section 1005.8, to read as follows:

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14 **SEC. 1005.8. GARMENT MANUFACTURERS' TAX CREDIT.** (a) **Purpose.** The  
15 purpose of this provision is to retain garment manufacturing jobs within the City and County of  
16 San Francisco by providing an incentive for businesses to strengthen and revitalize their  
17 production and management systems, upgrade the skills and competency of their workers,  
18 and invest in new equipment and technologies. This is part of an overall policy adopted by the  
19 City and County of San Francisco to enhance the ability of small and medium sized  
20 businesses to compete in the global economy, and thereby to retain and expand  
21 manufacturing jobs within the City.  
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24 (b) **Credit.** A credit shall be allowed against this tax for any garment manufacturer  
25 with gross receipts of not more than \$5,000,000 annually that, on or after January 1, 1997,

1 invests in (1) technical equipment for use in the garment manufacturer's business in San  
2 Francisco, (2) work reorganization within the garment manufacturer's factory in San  
3 Francisco, or (3) training of the garment manufacturer's San Francisco employees.

4 Each taxpayer claiming the credit shall file with the Tax Collector, on a form prescribed  
5 by the Tax Collector, an affidavit attesting to facts establishing his or her entitlement to the tax  
6 credit. The affidavit shall be supported by such other documentation as the Tax Collector  
7 shall prescribe.  
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9 Any taxpayer claiming a credit for employee training shall, prior to commencement of  
10 training, obtain preapproval of the training program from the Tax Collector.

11 (c) **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

12 (1) "Technical equipment" means any equipment used directly in the process of  
13 operating and managing a garment factory, including, but not limited to, cutting room  
14 equipment, sewing room equipment, press room equipment, and design room equipment. In  
15 addition, "technical equipment" means any equipment used to improve the management and  
16 operation of the garment factory, including, but not limited to, general office equipment to  
17 upgrade the garment manufacturer's accounting, management, and marketing processes.  
18 The term "technical equipment" shall include, but not be limited to, computerized pattern-  
19 making equipment, cutting tables, electric cutting knives, single-needle sewing machines,  
20 overlock machines, special machines, boilers, irons, steam boards, automatic spreaders,  
21 pressing and fusing equipment, steam channels, CAD system and CAM system, computers,  
22 and management and operational software.  
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1 (2) "Work reorganization" means the conversion within a garment factory from the  
2 traditional manufacturing system of progressive bundles to a more productive and efficient  
3 system, such as a modular manufacturing system or a unit production system. The costs for  
4 which the credit for work reorganization may be taken include, but are not limited to, (A) the  
5 costs of constructing or installing new technology; (B) the costs of modifying existing  
6 machinery and work spaces, including necessary electrical upgrades; and (C) the costs of  
7 accessories and attachments to existing machinery, such as foot pedals, floor mats, incentive  
8 boards, rolling bins, and maintenance tools and manuals.  
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10 (3) "Employee training" means any training provided to the taxpayer's employees  
11 for purposes of upgrading their skills with respect to the garment manufacturing business.  
12 "Employee training" includes, but is not limited to, training to operate technical equipment, as  
13 defined in paragraph (1), training and improvement in business and other management skills,  
14 and learning and incorporating new or improved production methods or technologies in the  
15 garment manufacturing process.  
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17 (4) "Garment Manufacturer" means a person who utilizes commercial sewing  
18 techniques and skills to process fabric into finished articles of clothing or apparel to be worn  
19 by human beings.  
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21 (d) **Amount of Credit.** ((The tax credit shall be a specified percentage, as set  
22 forth)) Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (e) and (f), ((of the cost)) the amount of  
23 the credit allowed by this Section 1005.8 for the taxable year shall be the sum of (i) 60  
24 percent of the qualified investment in the taxable year (the "First Year's Credit"), and (b) 40  
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1 percent of the qualified investment in the taxable year immediately preceding such year (the  
2 "Second Year's Credit"). For purposes of this Section 1005.8, the term "qualified investment"  
3 means the amount paid or incurred by a garment manufacturer for the purchase or lease of  
4 technical equipment for use in the garment manufacturer's business in San Francisco, for  
5 work reorganization within the garment manufacturer's factory in San Francisco, and for  
6 employee training provided to any employee employed in San Francisco. The credit, including  
7 any credit carryover from a prior year, shall not exceed \$30,000 per year, and in no event  
8 shall the tax credit reduce a taxpayer's tax liability under this Article to less than zero. The tax  
9 credit is not transferable.

11 (e) **((Proration of)) Credit Limitations.** (1) With respect to the credit for the  
12 purchase or lease of technical equipment, the ((credit)) First Year's Credit ((provided in this  
13 section shall be 60 percent of the costs of)) shall be allowed only if a garment manufacturer  
14 places such equipment ((if the equipment remains)) in service in San Francisco during the  
15 taxable year and keeps such equipment in service in San Francisco through the end of such  
16 taxable year, and the Second Year's Credit shall be allowed only if the garment manufacturer  
17 keeps such equipment in service in San Francisco through the end of the taxable year  
18 immediately following such taxable year ((for one year following the purchase or lease of the  
19 equipment, and an additional 40 percent if the equipment remains in service in San Francisco  
20 for a second year following the purchase or lease of the equipment. No credit shall be  
21 allowed for equipment that remains in service in San Francisco for less than one year)).

22 (2) With respect to the credit for work reorganization, the ((credit)) First Year's  
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1 Credit ((provided in this section shall be 60 percent of the costs of such work reorganization))  
2 shall be allowed only if a garment manufacturer keeps the factory for which the work  
3 reorganization credit is claimed ((remains)) in service in San Francisco ((for one year  
4 following commencement of the work reorganization, and an additional 40 percent if the  
5 factory remains in service in San Francisco for a second year following commencement of the  
6 work reorganization. No credit shall be allowed for work reorganization of a factory that  
7 remains in service in San Francisco for less than one year)) through the end of the taxable  
8 year within which such work reorganization is completed, and the Second Year's Credit shall  
9 be allowed only if the garment manufacturer keeps such factory in service in San Francisco  
10 through the end of the taxable year immediately following such taxable year.

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12 (3) With respect to the credit for employee training, the First Year's Credit ((credit  
13 provided in this section shall be 60 percent of the costs of employee training for an employee  
14 who remains in service in San Francisco for one year following commencement of training,  
15 and an additional 40 percent if the employee remains in service in San Francisco for a  
16 second year following commencement of training. No credit shall be allowed for employee  
17 training of an employee who remains in service in San Francisco for less than one year  
18 following the date training commences)) shall be allowed only if and to the extent a garment  
19 manufacturer employs the specific individuals for which the employee training credit is  
20 claimed in San Francisco through the end of the taxable year within which such training is  
21 completed, and the Second Year's Credit shall be allowed only if and to the extent the  
22 garment manufacturer employs such individuals in San Francisco through the end of the  
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1 taxable year immediately following such taxable year.

2 (f) **Recapture of Credits.** (1) With respect to the credit for the purchase or  
3 lease of technical equipment, the First Year's Credit shall be retroactively disallowed if the  
4 technical equipment for which such credit was claimed is disposed of by the garment  
5 manufacturer or otherwise ceases to be used in such garment manufacturer's business in  
6 San Francisco before the first anniversary of the date upon which the garment manufacturer  
7 placed such equipment in service, and the Second Year's Credit shall be retroactively  
8 disallowed if such technical equipment is disposed of by the garment manufacturer or  
9 otherwise ceases to be used in the garment manufacturer's business in San Francisco before  
10 the second anniversary of the date upon which such equipment was placed in service by the  
11 garment manufacturer.

12 (2) With respect to the credit for work reorganization, the First Year's Credit shall be  
13 retroactively disallowed if the factory for which such credit was claimed is disposed of or  
14 otherwise ceases to remain in service in San Francisco by the garment manufacturer before  
15 the first anniversary of the date upon which such work reorganization was completed, and the  
16 Second Year's Credit shall be retroactively disallowed if such factory is disposed of or  
17 otherwise ceases to remain in service in San Francisco by the garment manufacturer before  
18 the second anniversary of the date upon which such work reorganization was completed.

19 (3) With respect to the credit for employee training, the First Year's Credit shall be  
20 retroactively disallowed if and to the extent the specific individuals for which the employee  
21 training credit was claimed cease to be employed in San Francisco by the garment  
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1 manufacturer before the first anniversary of the date upon which such training was  
2 completed, and the Second Year's Credit shall be retroactively disallowed if and to the extent  
3 such individuals cease to be employed in San Francisco by the garment manufacturer before  
4 the second anniversary of the date upon which such training was completed.

5       (((f))) (g)     **Carryover.** In the case where the credit allowed by this Section exceeds  
6 the tax, the excess may be carried over to reduce the tax in the following years and  
7 succeeding years, if necessary, until the credit has been exhausted, for up to three years.

8       (((g))) (h)     **Other Credits.** The credit provided in this Section shall be in addition to  
9 any other credit under Part III to which the taxpayer is entitled for costs to which this credit  
10 applies. The credit provided in this Section shall be taken after any other available credits  
11 have been exhausted.  
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13       (((h))) (i)     **Expiration; Carryover of Unused Credit.** The credit provided in this  
14 Section shall expire on December 31, 2001, unless the Board of Supervisors extends the  
15 credit. Any unused credit may continue to be carried forward, as provided in subdivision (((f)))  
16 (g), until the credit has been exhausted, but in no event for more than three years.  
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19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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## Tails Ordinance

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**File Number:** 990336

**Date Passed:**

Ordinance amending San Francisco Municipal Code, Part III, by amending Section 1005.8 permitting garment manufacturers to claim 60 percent of the credit provided by this provision in the taxable year that creditable costs and expenses are incurred and 40 percent of the credit in the taxable year following such year, and providing a definition of the term "garment manufacturer".

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June 1, 1999 Board of Supervisors — PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

June 7, 1999 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee  
Absent: 2 - Bierman, Teng



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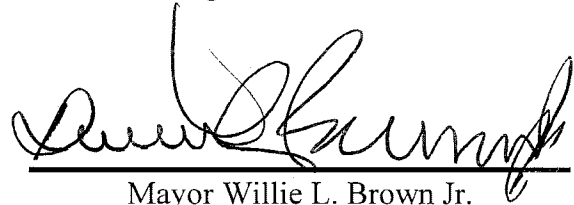
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance  
was **FINALLY PASSED** on June 7, 1999 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.



Jean Lum  
Acting Clerk of the Board

JUN 18 1999

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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