

November 11, 2005

Honorable City Council  
City of Rochester Hills  
1000 Rochester Hills Dr.  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

***Request for the Establishment of an Industrial Development District  
and Declaration of Intent to file Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption  
Certificate Pursuant Public Act 198 of 1974***

Dear Honorable Council:

We are writing on behalf of the American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. (hereinafter "AA&M") located at 2965 Technology Drive. AA&M intends to file an Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with the City of Rochester Hills at a later date for eligible property to be installed subsequent to this request for establishment of the Industrial Development District. Establishing the Industrial Development District does not invoke a tax abatement at this stage.

American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. hereby requests that the City of Rochester Hills establish an Industrial Development District with boundaries, at a minimum, coincident with the portion of real property that is occupied by AA&M. The property for which we are requesting designation by the Council as an Industrial Development District may be referenced by parcel number 70-15-30-477-014.

The property has met the basic conditions required to qualify a parcel for consideration for the establishment of an Industrial Development District, as set forth by Sections 4(1), (2) and (3) of Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended. The details of these conditions are as follows:

- The total ad valorem taxes levied by all taxing authorities on properties within the jurisdiction exceeds \$30.00 for each \$1,000 of state equalized value,
- AA&M owns greater than 75% of the industrial property located within the proposed industrial development district, and
- AA&M has not commenced the physical installation of the property for which they plan to submit an application for certification under Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended.

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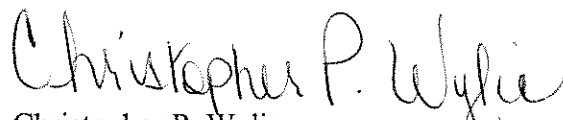
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If the City has additional criteria, we would be pleased to provide any relevant information. Representatives of AA&M wish to be present at any meetings held on this topic and ask to be notified by mail to avoid missing any of these meetings or hearings.

The City's consideration of this request is greatly appreciated, and we invite you to direct any questions or concerns related to this matter to us without hesitation. Please let me know as soon as possible whenever our attendance at a meeting is desired so that we can keep our schedules clear of conflicts for those times. I can be reached directly at (313) 628-8523. Any questions may also be directed to Daniel Domenicucci at (313) 628-8585.

Very truly yours,

  
Christopher P. Wylie  
Principal – State and Local Tax

Copies to: Mr. John Chasney, American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc.