

**A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND APPROVAL THE RESOLUTION GRANTING
EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO UNITED
FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC.**

WHEREAS, Section 27-31-101 et seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972 authorizes municipal governing authorities, in their discretion, to grant exemptions from ad valorem taxation; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2020, United Furniture Industries, Inc. made application to the City Council of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi for preliminary approval of an ad valorem tax exemption; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by resolution dated June 16, 2020, granted preliminary approval for the tax exemption request made by United Furniture Industries, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, the Lee County Tax Assessor denied approval of said request for tax exemption based on non-compliance with Section 1.5 of the Lee County Plus Economic Development Incentives Policy as passed by the Lee County Board of Supervisors on December 22, 2003, which requires a minimum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in new capital investment within a single calendar year; and

WHEREAS, United Furniture Industries, Inc. had in previous years received exemption from Lee County, and the City of Tupelo for raw materials/inventory; and

WHEREAS, the raw materials/inventory numbers for 2020 did not reflect a specific amount of increase over the previously exempted raw materials/inventory, and disallowance of these amounts dropped the 2020 appreciation below the required \$500,000 threshold; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the City of Tupelo City Council must rescind the approval of the RESOLUTION GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. All statements made in the foregoing paragraphs are factual.
2. The request for ad valorem tax exemption submitted by United Furniture Industries, Inc. does not meet statutory requirements
3. The City Council of the City of Tupelo hereby rescinds the approval of the RESOLUTION GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES TO UNITED FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC. as passed at the regularly scheduled council meeting on June 16, 2020.

After a full discussion of this matter, Council Member _____ moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted and said motion was seconded by Council Member _____ and upon the question being put to a vote, the results were as follows:

Councilmember Whittington voted	_____
Councilmember L. Bryan voted	_____
Councilmember Beard voted	_____
Councilmember Davis voted	_____
Councilmember Palmer voted	_____
Councilmember M. Bryan voted	_____
Councilmember Jennings voted	_____

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council on this the _____ day of _____, 2020.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

MIKE BRYAN
City Council President

ATTEST:

MISSY SHELTON
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

JASON L. SHELTON, Mayor

DATE

POSITION STATEMENT OF TAX ASSESSOR

EXEMPTION OF REALTY AND/OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

TRADE NAME OF APPLICATION: UNITED FURNITURE INDUSTRIES

LOCATION: 3301 ADAMS FARM RD BELDEN MS PARCEL # 0720-09-007-02

EXEMPTION RELATES TO MISS. CODE OF 1972, SECTION: 27-31-105

TYPE OF BUSINESS: Manufacturing

FINISHED PRODUCTS ARE: _____

STATE THE ENUMERATION THIS APPLICATION IDENTIFIES WITH: _____
manufacturing

HAS THIS ENTERPRISE ENJOYED AN EXEMPTION PREVIOUSLY? (YES-NO) no

UNDER ANY OTHER TRADE NAME? (YES-NO) no

ANY OTHER LOCATION? (YES-NO) no

UNDER ANY OTHER OWNERSHIP? no

NUMBER OF NEW JOBS? 43 ESTIMATED ANNUAL PAYROLL 9,919,782

EXEMPTION TO BE ON:

LAND: (YES X NO) VALUE \$ _____

IMPROVEMENTS: (YES X NO) VALUE \$ _____

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

FURN. & FIX.	VALUE \$	<u>6,394</u>
MACH. & EQUIP.	VALUE \$	<u>18,571</u>
RAW MATERIALS	VALUE \$	<u>9,792,129</u>
WORK IN PROGRESS	VALUE \$	_____

PERSONAL PROPERTY TOTAL: \$ 9,817,094

EXEMPTION TOTAL VALUE: \$ 9,817,094

LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS:

OWNER OF LAND: _____

OWNER OF IMPROVEMENTS: _____

DATE OF IMPROVEMENTS: COMPLETED _____ EXPANDED _____

ANY PRIOR EXEMPTION: _____

YEARS OF EXEMPTION APPLIED FOR: 1-1-2020 THRU 12-31-2029

APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

INVESTIGATED BY: Debbie Summers

COMMENTS: They do not meet the Lee Co Plus Criteria. So, there far, the exemption
has been denied.

DATE: May 29,2020 TAX ASSESSOR: _____