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**AN ORDINANCE**

**ADOPTING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018.**

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**WHEREAS**, tax abatements are used by local governments to attract new companies and to encourage the retention and expansion of existing companies; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code governs the use of tax abatements and authorizes the City to offer an abatement of up to 100% of ad valorem taxes on real and personal property improvements, inventory and supplies for up to 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to offer tax abatements, this statutory authority requires that City Council must approve new Guidelines every two years and allows amendment to the Guidelines, subject to a vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing Tax Abatement Guidelines (the "Guidelines") were last approved for the period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to adopt the attached Guidelines as recommended by staff to be effective January 1, 2017; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council adopts the Tax Abatement Guidelines attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Attachment I**.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon the receipt of at least nine (9) affirmative votes.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_ day of December, 2016.

**M A Y O R**  
**Ivy R. Taylor**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

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City Attorney