

Introduced by: Mr. Reda
Date of introduction: 11/24/09

ORDINANCE NO. 09-114

TO REVISE CHAPTER 14 OF THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM TAXATION

WHEREAS, New Castle County has suffered significant economic losses resulting from the closure of the General Motors Corporation plant; and

WHEREAS, Fisker Automotive's ("Fisker") commitment to purchase and renovate the General Motors plant will create quality jobs and re-hire opportunities for those previously laid off, and generally benefit the economy; and

WHEREAS, the Government of New Castle County joins the State of Delaware in recognizing the substantial costs of the planned multi-year renovation, which are estimated to exceed \$175 million; and

WHEREAS, the Government of New Castle County seeks to eliminate the property tax burden on 0 Terry Place and 801 Boxwood Road for a period of five years in order to increase the likelihood for success of this undertaking, and bolster the economies of New Castle County and the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Government of New Castle County that exempting the property from taxation will best promote the public welfare consistent with Article VIII Section 1. of the Delaware Constitution.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. *New Castle County Code* Chapter 14 ("Finance and Taxation"), Article 6 ("Exemption from Real Property Taxation") is hereby amended by the addition of the underlined text as forth below:

Section 14.06.1111. Special Exemption.

- A. 0 Terry Place, now identified as tax parcel number 07-042.20-010 in Christina Hundred, and 801 Boxwood Road, now identified as tax parcel number 07-042.10-055, shall be 100 percent (100%) exempt from county taxation for the following fiscal years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- B. The exemption shall terminate on June 30, 2015. Effective for fiscal year 2016, which begins on July 1, 2015, taxes shall be levied on the fully

assessed land and building values, including any improvements made during the exempt period.

C. Nothing in this Article shall entitle the property owner to exemption from sewer service charges or ditch taxes.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the New Castle County Council and approval by the County Executive or as otherwise set forth in 9 *Del. C.* Section 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on

President of County Council of
New Castle County

Approved on:

County Executive

SYNOPSIS: This legislation provides a five year exemption from county taxes for the site of the former General Motors plant, consistent with the State of Delaware's directive.

FISCAL NOTE: Based on the current property tax rates, this ordinance, if adopted, would result in an annual tax revenue decrease of \$283,000.