

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 27

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TAX ABATEMENT TO AMERICAN CHEMET CORPORATION
ON QUALIFYING CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated (MCA), 15-6-138 states "subject to subsection (6) manufacturing machinery, fixtures, and equipment installed and placed in service after December 31, 2022 are exempt from taxation for a period of 5 years starting from the later of the date they were placed in service or October 1, 2023, after which the exemption amount allowed under subsection (6)(d) is phased out at a rate of 20% of the amount allowed by the governing body a year, with the property being assessed at 100% of its taxable value after a 10-year period. An entity that claims a tax exemption under this subsection (4)(d) shall maintain adequate books and records demonstrating the investment the owner made when installing and placing the property into service in the state. The property owners shall make the records available to the department for inspection on request; and

WHEREAS, MCA 15-6-138 states that in order for a taxpayer to receive the tax abatement described in subsection (4)(d), the taxpayer shall submit an application for the abatement and a project plan to the governing body and receive approval pursuant to subsection (6); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners must approve the abatement request in the application by resolution for each project, following due notice as provided in 7-1-2121 and a public hearing, to determine whether the manufacturing machinery, fixtures, and equipment eligible for abate has an impact on services and a fiscal impact to the county; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has the discretion to set that abatement at 80, 90 or 100 percent for the first five years, after which the tax on the property is increased until the property is fully taxed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners received a timely application from American Chemet Corporation (Exhibit A), who owns property that appears to qualify for this abatement; and

WHEREAS, the County published legal due notice on April 5, 2025 and April 12, 2025 of the American Chemet Corporation tax abatement application in the Helena Independent Record; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on April 17, 2025 and made a determination that the eligible abatement activities will have an impact on services and a fiscal impact to Lewis and Clark County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lewis and Clark County Board of County Commissioners approves a tax abatement application on the qualifying class eight property owned by American Chemet Corporation as indicated in the application. The percentage of the abatement on the qualifying class eight property, as determined by the Montana Department of Revenue, during the initial five-year period is set at 80 percent.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tax abatement application and a copy of this resolution will be submitted to the Montana Department of Revenue for consideration and statutory assessment.

DATED this 17 day of April, 2025

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Candace Payne, Chair

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board





Property Tax Abatement Application for Manufacturing Machinery, Fixtures, and Equipment

ABATE
V2 1/2025

The property owner or the property owner's representative must submit this application to the local governing body of the county where the property is located for approval by resolution. Refer to [15-6-138, MCA](#) for the definition of manufacturing machinery, fixtures, and equipment, and for detailed information on the application process.

For property used in a manufacturing process for which the property owner did not seek approval prior to commencing construction, the property owner must apply by March 1 of the year during which the abatement is first applicable for manufacturing machinery, fixtures, and equipment installed and placed in service after October 1, 2023.

Required Information

Applicant Name

American Chemet Corporation

Mailing Address

PO Box 1160

City East Helena

State MT ZIP 59635

Email dgagner@chemet.com

Contact Phone (406) 441-2020

Property Address

145 Highway 282

City East Helena

State MT ZIP 59635

County Lewis & Clark

Geocode(s) Can be found on the classification and appraisal notice.

05-188-36-1-01-30-0000

Assessment code(s) Can be found on the classification and appraisal notice.

0000012621

Complete the questions below for the project's qualifying manufacturing machinery, fixtures, and equipment.

- 1 Project's construction commencement date

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- 2 Project's estimated construction completion date

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- 3 Project's estimated cost \$ 3103891

- 4 A project plan is included with the application providing specific descriptions of qualifying manufacturing machinery, fixtures, and equipment. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project plan must include site plans, construction blueprints or CAD files, and detailed equipment list with complete installation costs, installed date, and placed-in-service date for each qualifying component.

- 5 The application shall be deemed for all manufacturing machinery, fixtures, and equipment identified in the project plan, regardless of the project's estimated cost, unless part of the project is otherwise exempt from property tax.

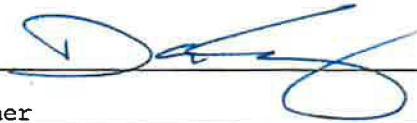
Is the applicant applying for an abatement on all manufacturing machinery, fixtures, and equipment identified in the project plan?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, please explain the reason for the difference and identify the manufacturing machinery, fixtures, and equipment on which the applicant is requesting an abatement, including estimated costs associated with each. Add additional pages if necessary.

- 6 NAICS code for the property 331410

Applicant Signature



Date

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Printed Name Dan Gagner

Important! The applicant must provide a copy of their application to the Department of Revenue within 30 days of submitting their application to the local governing body.

Questions? Contact us at dorpadindustrial@mt.gov or (406) 444-7968.

County Government Use Only

Within 120 days of receiving an application, the local governing body shall issue a decision whether to approve an abatement at 100%, 90%, or 80%. If the governing body fails to issue a decision within 120 days of receiving an application, the application is considered approved in an amount equal to 100%. If an applicant's property qualifies for the abatement, the local governing body may not deny the abatement and the minimum amount of the abatement may not be less than 80%. Please refer to [15-6-138, MCA](#), for detailed information on the application process.

Complete the questions below.

1 Tax abatement application received on

2 Local governing body published public hearing notice within 60 days of receiving a completed application.

☐ Yes ☐ No

3 Public hearing held on

4 Project tax abatement ☐ Approved Exemption Amount: ☐ 100% ☐ 90% ☐ 80%

5 Approved tax abatement to be implemented beginning Tax Year

In the first five years after the manufacturing machinery, fixtures, and equipment assets are placed in service, the assets will be designated as 80% exempt, 90% exempt, or 100% exempt. The initial year that the assets are placed in service must be designated in the approving resolution.

The exemption must be phased out at a rate of 20% of the amount allowed by the local governing body with the property being assessed at 100% of its taxable value after a 10-year period. In subsequent years, the property must be taxed at 100% of its taxable value.

Important! Approved application and a copy of the resolution, with a description of the manufacturing machinery, fixtures, and equipment that qualified for the tax abatement, must be sent to:

Department of Revenue
PO Box 8018
Helena MT 59604-8018

County Official Signature _____ Date

Printed Name _____ Title _____

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