

**Informational Summary for the City of Olathe, Kansas  
Industrial Revenue Bonds  
(Tax Abatement Projects)**

This Summary is intended to provide the high-level details and applicant obligations relating to industrial revenue bond (IRB) financings in the City of Olathe, Kansas.

This summary is qualified in all respects to the City Council Policy (the “Policy”) regarding such financings, which can be accessed at: <https://olathe.municipal.codes/CouncilPolicies/F-5>.

**Level of Abatement**

- 50% for qualifying projects.
- 55% for Targeted Industries (alternative energy, animal health, food safety, office).
- 100% for Targeted Areas (downtown business district).

**Abatement Term and Minimum Investment.** A 10-year abatement is provided if minimum capital thresholds are met. Businesses must invest:

- At least \$5 million in capital investment for an existing business, operating at least 1 year in the city prior to application
- At least \$10 million in capital investment for a new business
- For businesses locating in a business park with an established term and total investment, minimum capital investments must be made of:
  - At least \$2 million for an existing business
  - At least \$3 million for a new business

**Project Criteria and Applicant Obligations**

- Employment/Wages. Project must provide a high quantity of jobs paying above-average wages.
- Design Criteria. City may require higher building design and site design standards that exceed minimums set forth in the City’s Unified Development Ordinance.
- Chamber and Economic Development Council Membership. During the incentive period, the applicant must be a dues-paying member in good standing with both the Olathe Chamber and the Olathe Economic Development Council.
- Community Foundation Contribution. During the incentive period, the applicant will make an annual donation to the Olathe Community Foundation in an amount at their discretion but no less than \$3,000 annually.
- Utilization of City Solid Waste Services. With limited exceptions set forth in the Policy, the applicant must utilize the City’s solid waste services.
- Annual Reporting. During the incentive period, the applicant must annually submit information to the City regarding compliance with the terms of the Policy and the agreement entered into with the City.
- Public Art Requirement. Applicant is responsible for compliance to OMC Chapter 2.82 pertaining to Public Art.

**Expected Fees** *(See Section 6 of the Policy for calculation of amounts)*

- City Application Fee. Payable upon submitting an IRB application to the City.
- City Issuance Fee and Bond Counsel Fee. Payable upon issuance of IRBs.
- Other. Applicant will pay all other out-of-pocket costs of the City, including costs of other City consultants, bond trustee costs, the cost-benefit analysis, publications/notices, recording fees, Board of Tax Appeals fees, and other miscellaneous costs.