



## Payments in Lieu of Taxes: Industry

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**Reference Number:** MTAS-1852

**Revenue Class:** Local Taxes

**Fund:** General

**Account No.:** 31520

**Description:** Property in this category is not subject to *ad valorem* taxes as the industrial development corporation is declared to be performing a public function on the behalf of the municipality. The corporation has the authority to negotiate and accept from its' lessees payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes to the municipality, provided that these payments do not exceed *ad valorem* taxes otherwise due where the leased property is owned by an entity subject to taxation.

**Authorization:** T.C.A. § 7-53-305

**Requirements or Restrictions:** Cannot permit payment in-lieu-of taxes to be waived or otherwise not assessed for a period of more than 20 years from the date of agreement (plus a reasonable construction or installation period not to exceed three (3) years) or contract unless both the commissioner of economic and community development and the comptroller of the treasury have made a written determination that it is in the best interest of the state to do so. T.C.A. § 7-53-305(b)(1).

**Current Rate:** N/A

**Frequency of Payment:** Annually.

**Late Pay Penalty:** Ten percent per annum interest from the due date plus reasonable attorneys' fees. Other late penalties apply, but municipalities are not recipients of those penalties.

**Exemptions:** Minimum payments are not applicable to an eligible headquarters facility. Other exceptions apply to Memphis.

**Collection:** Corporation lessees submit on or before October 1 an annual report to the state board of equalization. A copy must be sent to the assessor on or before October 15.

**Use Restrictions:** None.

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