



November 25, 2024

TO: Mayor Patrick Ludvigsen and Members of the City Council

FROM: Cheri Grieco, Finance Director

SUBJECT: **Truth in Taxation Act and Proposed 2024 Property Tax Levies**

The Truth in Taxation Act requires that at least twenty (20) days prior to the passage of the tax levy ordinance, the City must estimate the amount of the tax levy. If the proposed aggregate amount of the levy is more than 105% of the amount of property taxes extended, or estimated to be extended, for the previous year, then the City must provide notice and hold a public hearing on their intention to adopt the tax levy. The hearing must take place prior to adoption of the tax levy. If a public hearing is required, notice must be provided no less than 7 days or no more than 14 days prior to the hearing. A certificate of compliance with the Truth in Taxation act must accompany the City's tax levy ordinance. The aggregate taxes to be levied for 2024 for the City of Prospect Heights do not exceed 105% of the amount of property taxes extended for 2023; therefore, the City is not required to publish a legal notice and hold a public hearing.

The City is subject to both the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL), more commonly referred to as the "tax cap" law, and the Prior Year Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) Limitation Law. PTELL limits the increase in the City's tax extension from one year to the next to the lesser of 5% or the percent increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with a provision that allows taxing districts to capture additional taxes from other factors affecting the tax base, such as new property. The Prior Year EAV Limitation Law (PYELL) states that the maximum amount the levy may be extended cannot exceed the statutory rate applied against the total of the prior year's EAV plus the current year's new construction.

The attached table compares the 2024 proposed levies with the 2023 tax levy extensions. In addition, the table provides a column that calculates the tax rates generated under the PTELL to confirm that none of the proposed tax levies exceed this limit. As such, the City's proposed tax levies for 2024, subject to the PTELL restriction, are in compliance.

The 2024 proposed tax levies are as follows:

City of Prospect Heights – This levy includes two components, Road Construction Debt and the Police Pension Fund.

- The proposed levy for Road Construction Debt Service reflects a decrease of 4.35% or \$58,552 due to a reduction in debt service requirements for G.O. Bond Series 2013 and 2020.

- The Police Pension proposed tax levy does not have a statutory rate limit and therefore it is not subject to the Prior Year EAV Limitation Law; however, it is subject to limitation under PTELL. For 2024, the proposed levy represents an increase of 4.97% or \$23,526.
- Overall, the City’s proposed tax levy represents a net decrease of 1.92% or \$35,026.

Special Service Area #6 – Lake Claire project area

- Reflects a decrease of 5.41% or \$12,424 related to reduced debt service requirement for G.O. Bond Series 2018.

Special Service Areas #5 & #8 - Storm water management for Willow/Palatine Roads and Levee 37 project area. Of special note, for SSA#8, after the result of an auto accident damaging the Levee wall, the City is working with the State and other possible grant funding agencies to minimize City costs, which are ultimately funded by the annual tax levy.

- Reflect increases of 4.99% and 4.95% totaling \$9,870 and is consistent with prior years.
- These Special Service Area levies are to cover the projected storm water management improvements, ongoing maintenance and administrative expenses.

| <u>Summary of proposed tax levies</u> | <u>2024 Proposed</u> | <u>2023 Extended</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Road Construction debt | \$1,288,633 | \$1,347,185 |
| Police Pension Fund | \$496,750 | \$473,224 |
| SSA #5 | \$34,175 | \$32,550 |
| SSA #6 | \$217,323 | \$229,747 |
| SSA #8 | <u>\$174,725</u> | <u>\$166,480</u> |
| Totals | \$2,211,606 | \$2,220,841 |
| Overall % decrease | -1.67% | |

These proposed tax levies allow the City to capture revenue available from the increment gained from new property being added to the tax rolls and expiring incentives. In addition, the City could realize additional growth from the 3% loss and cost added on by the County, provided it does not exceed the limiting rate under the tax cap formula.

Below is the time frame for completion and filing of the 2024 tax levies, including compliance with the Truth in Taxation requirements.

Property Tax Levy Adoption Schedule

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| November 25, 2024 | Preliminary tax levy estimates approved by City Council |
| November 25, 2024 | First Reading Tax Levy Ordinances/Publish legal notice of public hearing |
| December 9, 2024 | Approval of tax levy ordinances (Second Reading) |
| December 31, 2024 | Deadline to file tax levy ordinances with Cook County Clerk |

**CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
2024 TAX LEVY PROPOSAL**

| Tax Agency | 2023 Levy Request | Max Ceiling Allowable Tax Rate per \$100 EAV | Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) | 2023 Extension | Final Tax Rate per \$100 EAV | 2024 Proposed Tax Levy | Prior Year EAV Limiting Rate per \$100 EAV (1) | Projected Tax Rate per \$100 EAV (2) | Amount of Increase | Percent Increase/Decrease |
|---|--|--|---|--|------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Debt Service (Fund 41) Police Pension Tax | 1,283,033 480,000 <u>1,763,033</u> | No Limit No Limit | 529,334,333 529,334,333 529,334,333 | 1,347,185 473,224 <u>1,820,409</u> | 0.2545% 0.0894% 0.344% | \$ 1,288,633 496,750 <u>1,785,383</u> | 0.2556% 0.0967% | 0.2556% 0.0967% | (58,552) 23,526 <u>(35,026)</u> | -4.35% (1) 4.97% (2) -1.92% |
| Special Service Area #5 | | 0.1800 | 92,998,650 | 32,550 | 0.035% | 34,175 | 0.0379 | 0.0379% | 1,625 | 4.99% (2) |
| Special Service Area #8 | | No Limit | 53,188,558 | 166,480 | 0.313% | 174,725 | | 0.3384% | 8,245 | 4.95% (2) |
| Special Service Area #6 Debt Service (fund 46) | | No Limit | 20,660,712 | 229,747 <u>2,249,186</u> | 1.112% | \$ 217,323 <u>2,211,606</u> | | 1.1045% | (12,424) <u>(37,580)</u> | -5.41% (1) -1.67% |

actual DSR, not subject to PTELL, no limiting rate subject to PTELL

- (1) Debt service requirement for 2024
- (2) Estimate final to be 5\$ PTELL limit

ORDINANCE NO. O-24-25**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF 2024 TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2025 IN AND FOR THE CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE**

WHEREAS, City of Prospect Heights Special Service Area Number One has been created by Ordinance 0-79-30 entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE IN THE AREA OF THE CITY FORMERLY SERVED BY THE PROSPECT HEIGHTS SANITARY DISTRICT**”, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 0-79-30, as amended, authorizes an annual rate of the annual tax levy of thirty-five one-hundredths of one percent (.35%) of the assessed value, as equalized, of the property in said special service area; and

WHEREAS, said Special Service Area Number One consists of the territory described in the ordinances aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prospect Heights is authorized to levy taxes for special services in said Special Service Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Prospect Heights, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. The total amount of appropriations for all purposes to be collected from the tax levy of the current fiscal year in Special Service Area Number One is ascertained to be the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00).

Section 3. The sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00) be and the same hereby is levied upon the taxable property (as defined in the Revenue act of 1939) in City of Prospect Heights Special Service Area Number One, said tax to be levied for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025 for the purpose of providing additional revenues for maintaining and installing necessary and required improvements to the sewer system.

Section 4. This tax is levied pursuant to Article VII, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and Section 1301, et.seq. of Chapter 120 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, as amended, and pursuant to an Ordinance Establishing City of Prospect Heights Special Service Area Number One, as amended.

Section 5. There is hereby certified to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, the sum aforesaid, constituting said total amount of Zero Dollars (\$0.00), which said total amount the said City of Prospect Heights Special Service Area Number One requires to be raised by taxation for the current fiscal year of said City, and the City Clerk of said City is hereby ordered and directed to file with the County Clerk of said County on or before the time required by law a certified copy of this Ordinance.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED and APPROVED this 9th of December 2024.

ATTEST:



~~CITY~~ CLERK
Deputy



MAYOR

AYES: Cameron, Anderson, Morgan-Adams, Dash, Delick

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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