

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2013 AGENDA**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>TYPE:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Public Hearing Regarding Special Service Area (SSA) for Fire Protection Services	Resolution ✓ Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	David Fieldman Village Manager

**SYNOPSIS**

A public hearing has been noticed regarding an ordinance establishing an SSA for fire protection services.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2011-2018 identified *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

As required by statute, hold the public hearing as part of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Council.

**BACKGROUND**

The Village is proposing establishment of a Special Service Area (SSA) #6 for certain unincorporated properties located in and adjacent to the Fairview Fire Protection District through which property owners will pay the full cost of providing fire and emergency medical services.

The Village has provided fire and emergency medical services to the unincorporated area near 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Fairview Avenue for several decades. A portion of this area is part of the Fairview Fire Protection District; other properties not in the district are billed directly for the services. For the last several years, the FFPD has been unable to pay the Village for the full costs of providing these services, resulting in a total unpaid balance of more than \$100,000. The Village and Fairview Fire Protection District, working with DuPage County, have identified the creation of a special taxing district to provide a sustainable funding source for this service. The property tax levied in the SSA will be an amount needed to pay the full cost of providing the services. Upon establishment of the SSA, the Village will forgive the District's outstanding deficit.

The SSA would include 249 properties. The Village proposes a maximum annual rate not to exceed 5% of each property's Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) as a tax levy.

Tonight's public hearing is a required component in the process of creating an SSA. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Downers Grove Reporter on September 25, 2013 and mailed to the affected property owners as required by state statute. Following a 60-day objection period an ordinance approving the establishment of the SSA will be placed on a Council agenda.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Public Hearing Script

## **PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #6**

### **Mayor's Opening Statement:**

This public hearing will please come to order. This public hearing has been called by the Village Council to consider the formation of Special Service Area #6 and the levying of taxes affecting said area. The approximate street location for the special service area is Fairview Fire Protection District which is an unincorporated area near 39<sup>th</sup> Street and Fairview Avenue from Woodland Lane east to Cumnor Road. An accurate map of said territory is on file in the office of the Village Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Notice of this hearing was published in the Downers Grove Reporter on September 25, 2013 and a certificate of publication is made a part of these proceedings.

I would like to summarize the procedures which we will follow for tonight's public hearing.

1. First, Dave Fieldman, Village Manager, will provide an overview of the proposed Special Service Area.
2. Next, there will be an opportunity for members of the Village Council to ask questions or make comments.
3. Next, there will then be an opportunity for members of the public to make statements or comments, or to submit written statements or comments for the record.
4. I will again ask if any member of the Council wishes to make a statement or ask a question.
5. Thereafter, I will ask for a motion to adjourn.

At this hearing, witnesses will not be sworn and a verbatim written transcript of the statements or testimony given at the hearing will not be prepared. However, a recording of the procedures will be made on Village equipment and retained until minutes of the hearing have been prepared and approved by the Village Council.

- 1. Staff Presentation.**
- 2. Questions or comments from the Village Council.**
- 3. Comments or statements from the public.**
- 4. Final questions or comments from the Village Council.**
- 5. Adjournment.**