

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village Council Meeting
12/1/2015

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| SUBJECT: | SUBMITTED BY: |
| Public Hearing and first reading of ordinances for the 2015 Aggregate Tax Levy for the Village of Downers Grove | Judy Buttny Finance Director |

SYNOPSIS

A public hearing is required for the 2015 Aggregate Tax Levy. The maximum levy to be considered must be published in the newspaper on November 18, 2015 to be in compliance with State law. The Council will pass ordinances establishing and abating certain tax levies on December 8, 2015. The levy must be filed with the county by December 29, 2015.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2015-2017 include *Steward of Fiscal, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability*.

FISCAL IMPACT

Without the abatement of any debt, the proposed levy is estimated to be \$26,111,393. However, it is recommended that tax levy abatements totaling \$8,042,069, which would abate all Village debt, be approved, and \$292,075 of library debt abatements. Therefore, the net taxes to be raised by taxation for 2015 upon the taxable property are \$17,777,249 which includes the levy for the Village, Special Service Areas and the Public Library. The Village portion of the levy after abatements is estimated to be \$12,303,584.

BACKGROUND

The tax levy process requires the adoption of the motion presented in advance of the following:

- Publication of Truth in Taxation Notice and Announcement of Public Hearing 11/18/15
- Public Hearing on Tax Levy 12/01/15
- Adoption of Tax Levy 12/08/15
- Abatement of Certain Debt Levies 12/08/15
- Last day to file Levy with the County 12/29/15

Annually, the Village Council is required to levy taxes for the following:

- Village Services defined as corporate/police, fire protection, police pension, fire pension, the total amount of all General Obligation (G.O.) Bond payments due for the fiscal year;
- Library operating, Library debt; and
- all Special Services Areas.

Following the levy of taxes, the Council may *abate* or reduce the levy (reduce the property tax collections) for the specific amount that the Village has other resources available to pay for debt service. The amount to

be abated is determined by the budget when specific revenues such as gas tax are identified to pay for the Fairview Avenue debt, water revenues that are identified to pay for bonds issued to improve the water system, revenues from stormwater and capital funds, and revenues from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts that are available and budgeted for debt service.

The Mayor and Village Council have the opportunity to evaluate the proposed tax levy in the context of the budget. In addition, the proposal includes the tax levy and abatements. The amounts proposed for abatement are those debt instruments for which the Village has funds other than property taxes identified to pay principal and interest obligations.

| EAV | | 2015 projected EAV 4% increase |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| EAV Village | | \$2.13 billion |
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| Levy | 2015 recommended levy before abatements | 2015 recommended levy after abatements |
| Corporate levy | 2,997,145 | 2,997,145 |
| Fire Protection levy | 2,850,000 | 2,850,000 |
| Fire Pension | 2,820,461 | 2,820,461 |
| Police Pension | 2,664,454 | 2,664,454 |
| Capital | 971,524 | 971,524 |
| Debt Service: | | |
| GO Bonds, Series 2008A | 809,100 | - |
| GO Bonds, Series 2008B | 108,000 | - |
| GO Bonds, Series 2009 | 1,049,475 | - |
| GO Bonds, Series 2010A | 438,150 | - |
| GO Bonds, Series 2010B | 753,200 | - |
| GO Bonds, Series 2012 | 1,937,419 | - |
| GO Bonds, Series 2013A | 1,644,050 | - |
| GO Bonds, Series 2014A | 786,625 | - |
| GO Bonds, Series 2015 | 516,050 | - |
| Total Debt Service | 8,042,069 | - |
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| Village Levy | 20,345,653 | 12,303,584 |
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| Projected Village Tax Rate | | 0.5853 |
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| Library Operating | 4,826,000 | 4,826,000 |
| Library Debt Service | 620,658 | 328,583 |
| Special Service Area #2 | 247,000 | 247,000 |
| Special Service Area #6 | 72,082 | 72,082 |
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| Total All Levies | 26,111,393 | 17,777,249 |
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ORDINANCE NO. _____

2015 AGGREGATE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

An ordinance levying taxes for corporate purposes of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County Illinois for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2015 and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2015.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. That a tax for the following sums of money, as listed below and detailed on the following pages, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, to defray all expenses and liabilities of the Village, be and the same is hereby levied for the purpose specified against all taxable property in the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January, 2015, and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 2015.

| TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 BY FUNDS | |
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| CORPORATE | \$3,968,669.00 |
| FIRE PROTECTION | \$2,850,000.00 |
| POLICE PENSION | \$2,664,454.00 |
| FIRE PENSION | \$2,820,461.00 |
| STORMWATER DEBT SERVICE 2008A | \$809,100.00 |
| CBD TIF DEBT SERVICE 2008B | \$108,000.00 |
| CBD TIF DEBT SERVICE 2010 | \$438,150.00 |
| CBD TIF DEBT SERVICE 2010B | \$753,200.00 |
| FAIRVIEW AVE. DEBT SERVICE & CBD TIF DEBT SERVICE 2009 | \$1,049,475.00 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS DEBT SERVICE 2012 | \$1,937,418.76 |
| CBD TIF DEBT SERVICE 2013A | \$1,644,050.00 |
| REFUNDING BOND SERIES 2014 | \$786,625.00 |
| REFUNDING BOND SERIES 2015 | \$516,050.00 |
| TOTAL VILLAGE OPERATIONS | \$20,345,652.76 |
| PUBLIC LIBRARY-OPERATING | \$4,826,000.00 |
| LIBRARY BUILDING DEBT SERVICE 2013 | \$620,658.00 |
| TOTAL LIBRARY OPERATIONS | \$5,446,658.00 |
| TOTAL ALL FUNDS | \$25,792,310.76 |

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of DuPage County, Illinois, on or before the last Tuesday of December, A.D. 2015, a copy of this ordinance duly certified by said Village Clerk.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as required by law.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk

Filed in the office of the County Clerk
this _____ day of _____, 20____