



# City of Chicago



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<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Dept./Agency
<b>Type:</b>	Ordinance
<b>Title:</b>	Public hearing(s) on expansion of Special Service Area No. 44
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on Finance

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, special service areas may be established pursuant to Article VII, Sections 6(l) and 7(6) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and pursuant to the provisions of the Special Service Area Tax Law, 35 ILCS 200/27-5 et seq., as amended from time to time, and pursuant to the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/1-1 et seq., as amended from time to time (the "Property Tax Code"); and

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2007, the City Council of the City of Chicago (the "City Council") enacted an ordinance, as amended on December 12, 2007 (collectively the "Establishment Ordinance") which established an area known and designated as City of Chicago Special Service Area Number 44 (the "Original Area") and authorized the levy of an annual tax, for the period beginning in 2007 through and including 2016 (the "Original Period"), not to exceed an annual rate of two and a half percent (2.5%) of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein (the "Services Tax") to provide certain special services in and for the Area in addition to the services provided by and to the City of Chicago generally (the "Original Special Services"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Establishment Ordinance established the Original Area as that territory consisting approximately of the area on the north side of 103rd Street, from Longwood Drive on the west to the Metra tracks (Hale Avenue) on the east, and the south side of 103rd Street from Longwood Drive on the west to Wood Street on the east; and

**WHEREAS**, the Original Special Services authorized in the Establishment Ordinance include but are not limited to, maintenance and beautification, new construction, coordinated marketing and promotional activities, parking and transit programs, area strategic planning, business retention and recruitment, building facade improvements, security services and other technical assistance activities to promote community and economic development; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that

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(b) the Area is contiguous; and

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CHICAGO September 24, 2015

**To the President and Members of the City Council:**

**Your Committee on Finance having had under consideration**

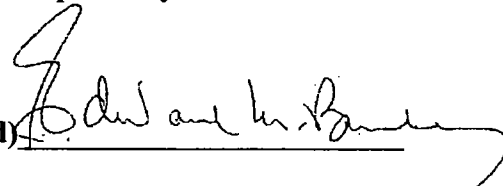
An ordinance authorizing the Committee on Finance to hold a public hearing in order to consider the expansion of Special Service Area Number 44.

Direct Introduction

**Having had the same under advisement, begs leave to report and recommend that your Honorable Body pass the proposed Ordinance Transmitted Herewith**

This recommendation was concurred in by \_\_\_\_\_ (a viva voce vote of members of the committee with \_\_\_\_\_ dissenting vote(s).

**Respectfully submitted**

(signed) 

**Chairman**