



Office of the Chicago City
Clerk



O2011-8098

Office of the City Clerk

City Council Document Tracking Sheet

Meeting Date:	10/5/2011
Sponsor(s):	Thompson, Joann (16)
Type:	Ordinance
Title:	Call for public hearing on establishment of Special Service Area No. 55
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Finance

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, special service areas may be established pursuant to Article VII, Sections 6(1) 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 (the "Act"), 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, the City Council of the City of Chicago (the "City Council") finds that it is in the public interest that consideration be given to the creation of an area within the City of Chicago to be known and designated as Special Service Area Number 55 (the "Area") and to the authorization of the levy of a special annual services tax (the "Services Tax") for a period of ten (10) years within the Area for the purposes set forth herein; that the Area is contiguous; that local development programming is critical to maintaining and promoting neighborhood revitalization and stability; and that said special services are unique and in addition to municipal services provided by and to the City of Chicago generally, and it is, therefore, in the best interests of the City of Chicago that the creation of the Area and the levy of the Services Tax within the Area for the services to be provided be considered; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are expressly incorporated herein and made part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. A public hearing shall be held by the Committee on Finance of the City Council of the City of Chicago at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Chicago Illinois (the "Hearing") to consider the creation of the Area and the authorization of the levy of the Services Tax. At the Hearing there will be considered the levy of the Services Tax upon the taxable property within the Area sufficient to produce revenues required to provide specified services in the Area. The Services Tax shall not exceed the sum of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property within the Area. The Services Tax shall be authorized to be levied in tax years 2011 through and including 2020. The Services Tax shall be in addition to all other taxes provided by law and shall be levied pursuant to the provisions of the Property Tax Code, as amended from time to time. The special services to be considered include but are not limited to: recruitment of new businesses to the Area, rehabilitation activities, maintenance and beautification activities, new construction, security, coordination of promotional and advertising activities, strategic planning for the Area, and other technical assistance activities to promote commercial and economic development (which may include, but are not limited to, streetscape improvements, strategic transit/parking improvement including parking management studies, and enhanced land use oversight and control initiatives), which will be hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Special Services." The Special Services shall be in addition to services provided to and by the City of Chicago generally. The Area shall consist of territory described on Exhibit 1 hereto and hereby incorporated herein. The approximate street location of said territory

consists of both sides of 59th Street from Western Avenue on the east side to Central Park Avenue on the west side.

SECTION 3. Notice of the Hearing shall be published by the City of Chicago at least once, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Chicago. In addition, notice by mail shall be given by depositing said notice in the United States mail addressed to the person or persons in whose name the general taxes for the last preceding year were paid on each property lying within the Area. The notice shall be mailed not less than ten (10) days prior to the time set for the Hearing. In the event taxes for the last preceding year were not paid, the notice shall be sent to the person last listed on the tax rolls prior to that year as the owner of the property.

SECTION 4. Notice of the Hearing shall be substantially in the following form:

Notice Of Public Hearing

City Of Chicago Special Service Area Number 55.

Notice is hereby given that at ____ o'clock ____ .m., on the _____ day of _____ 20__ at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 121 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, a public hearing will be held by the Committee on Finance of the City Council of the City of Chicago to consider the creation of an area within the City of Chicago to be known and designated as Special Service Area Number 55 (the "Area") and the authorization of the levy of a special annual services tax (the "Services Tax") within the Area. The Services Tax under consideration shall be authorized to be levied in tax years 2011 through and including 2020. The purpose of creating the Area shall be to provide Special Services within the Area, which may include, but are not limited to: recruitment of new businesses to the Area, rehabilitation activities, maintenance and beautification activities, new construction, security, coordination of promotional and advertising activities, strategic planning for the Area, and other technical assistance activities to promote commercial and economic development (which may include, but are not limited to, streetscape improvements, strategic transit/parking improvement including parking management studies, and enhanced land use oversight and control initiatives), which will be hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Special Services."

At the hearing there will be considered a Services Tax to be levied against the taxable property included within the Area for the provision of the Special Services not to exceed the sum of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the equalized assessed value of taxable property within the Area. The Services Tax shall be in addition to all other taxes provided by law and shall be levied pursuant to the provisions of the Property Tax Code, 35 ILCS 200/1-1 et seq., as amended from time to time.

The Area shall consist of the territory described herein and incorporated hereto as Exhibit I. The approximate street location of said territory consists of both sides of 59th Street from Western Avenue on the east side to Central Park Avenue on the west side.

At the public hearing any interested person, including all persons owning taxable real property located within the proposed Area, affected by the creation of the Area and the levy of the Services Tax may file with the City Clerk of the City of Chicago written objections to and may be heard orally in respect to any issues embodied in this notice. The Committee on Finance of the City Council of the City of Chicago shall hear and determine all protests and objections at said hearing, and said hearing may be adjourned to another date without further notice other than a motion to be entered upon the minutes fixing the time and place it will reconvene.


If a petition signed by at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the electors residing within the boundaries of the proposed Area and by at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the landowners included within the boundaries of the Area objecting to the creation of the Area and the levy of the Services Tax therein is filed with the City Clerk of the City of Chicago within sixty (60) days following the final adjournment of the public hearing, the Area shall not be created and the Services Tax shall not be levied.

By order of the City Council of the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

Dated this day of ____, _____ 2011.

City Clerk, City of Chicago,
Cook County, Illinois

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and approval.



JoAnn Thompson, Alderman, 16th Ward

