



# Office of the City Clerk

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## Legislation Text

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### 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; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2009, the City Council of the City of Chicago (the "City Council") enacted an ordinance (the "Establishment Ordinance") which established an area known and designated as City of Chicago Special Service Area Number 48 (the "Area") and authorized the levy of an annual tax, for the period beginning in 2009 through and including 2018, not to exceed an annual rate of three tenths of one percent (0.3%) 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 "Special Services"); and

WHEREAS, the Establishment Ordinance established the Area as that territory consisting approximately of North Avenue from the east side of Orleans Street to the west side of LaSalle Street on the south side of North Avenue and from the east side of North Park Avenue to the west side of LaSalle Street on the north side of North Avenue; Wells Street from the north side of Schiller Street to North Avenue, to include the buildings on all four corners at the intersection of North Avenue and Wells Street; and

WHEREAS, the Special Services authorized in the Establishment Ordinance include, but are not limited to: recruitment of new businesses to the Area, rehabilitation activities, maintenance and beautification activities, 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); and

WHEREAS, the Establishment Ordinance provided for the appointment of the Old Town Special Service Area Commission (the "Commission") to advise the City Council regarding the amount of the Services Tax to be levied and for the purpose of recommending to the City Council: (1) a yearly budget based upon the cost of providing the Special Services; (2) an entity to serve as a service provider (the "Service Provider"); (3) an agreement between the City and the Service Provider for the provision of Special Services to the Area (the "Service Provider Agreement"); and (4) a budget to be included in the agreement between the City and the Service Provider (the "Budget") (the aforementioned items 1 through 4 shall be known collectively herein as the "Recommendations"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission has been duly appointed and qualified and has heretofore prepared and transmitted to the Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development (the "Commissioner") its Recommendations to the City Council, including the Budget attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof; now, therefore,

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**Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Chicago:**

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The preambles of this ordinance are hereby incorporated into this text as if set out herein in full.

SECTION 2. Appropriations. There is hereby appropriated the following sums in the amounts and for the purposes necessary to provide the Special Services in and for the Area, the estimated amounts of miscellaneous income and the amounts required to be raised by the levy of the Services Tax indicated as follows:

OLD TOWN SPECIAL SERVICE AREA COMMISSION SPECIAL  
SERVICE AREA BUDGET

For the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

EXPENDITURES

Service Provider Agreement for the  
provision of Special  
Services \$222,022

TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST \$222,022

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Tax levy at an annual rate not to exceed  
three tenths of one percent (0.3%) of the equalized  
assessed value, of the taxable property  
within Special Service Area Number 48 \$177,466

Carryover funds currently available  
from prior tax years \$31,000

Late collections received by the City of Chicago  
attributable to the levy of the Services Tax  
in prior tax years, along with interest income  
thereon, if any \$13,556

SECTION 3. Levy of Taxes. There is hereby levied pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Sections 6(a) and 6(l)(2) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and pursuant to the

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provisions of the Act and pursuant to the provisions of the Establishment Ordinance, the sum of \$177,466 as the amount of the Services Tax for the tax year 2015.

SECTION 4. Filing. The City Clerk of the City (the "City Clerk") is hereby ordered and directed to file in the Office of the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois (the "County Clerk") a certified copy of this ordinance on or prior to December 29, 2015, and the County Clerk shall thereafter extend for collection together with all other taxes to be levied by the City of Chicago, the Services Tax herein provided for, said Services Tax to be extended, for collection by the County Clerk for the tax year 2015 against all the taxable property within the Area, the amount of the Services Tax herein levied to be in addition to and in excess of all other taxes to be levied and extended against all taxable property within the Area.

SECTION 5. Service Provider Agreement. The Commissioner, r.or a designee of the Commissioner (each, an "Authorized Officer"), are each hereby authorized, subject to approval by the Corporation Counsel as to form and legality, to enter into, execute and deliver a Service Provider Agreement as authorized herein with Old Town Merchants and Residents Association, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, as the Service Provider, for a one-year term in a form acceptable to such Authorized Officer, along with such other supporting' documents, if any, as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions Jot the Service Provider Agreement. The Budget shall be attached to the Service Provider Agreement as an exhibit. Upon the execution of the Service Provider Agreement and the receipt of proper documentation the Authorized Officer and the City Comptroller are each hereby authorized to disburse the sums appropriated in Section 2 above to the Service Provider in consideration for the provision of the Special Services described in the Budget. The Department of Planning and Development shall promptly make a copy of the executed Service Provider Agreement readily available for public inspection.

SECTION 6. Enforceability. If any section, paragraph or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Conflict. This ordinance shall control over any provision of any other ordinance, resolution, motion or order in conflict with this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 8. Publication. This ordinance shall be published lly the City Clerk, in special pamphlet form, and made available in her office for public inspection rand distribution to members of the public who may wish to avail themselves of a copy of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect'10 days after its passage and publication.

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## EXHIBIT A

Budget

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

October 28, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF CHICAGO



Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Commissioner of Planning and Development, I transmit herewith ordinances authorizing a scope of services, budget and management agreement for various Special Service Areas.

Your favorable consideration of these ordinances will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

CHICAGO November 18, 2015

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

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

One (1) ordinance authorizing the approval of the levy of taxes, to approve or amend Service Provider Agreements and to approve the 2016 budgets for various Special Service Areas.

D. An ordinance authorizing the imposition of a tax levy, the approval of the

**Amount to be levied: \$177,466**

**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  
of members of the committee with**

**(signed**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Chairman**