



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

An Ordinance Providing for the Abatement of \$939,497 against the 2016 Tax Levy for G.O. Bond Series 2007A.

Overview

On an annual basis, Village staff recommends the abatement or cancellation of various tax levies that were originally pledged to pay the debt service of a specific bond issue. By default, whenever general obligation (GO) bond is issued, the annual debt service is automatically levied by the County unless the Village directs the Cook County Clerk's Office to abate some or all of the annual levy amount.

The Village abates the tax levy needed to pay for certain issues depending on the purpose of the issue.

Staff Recommendation

Approve

Fiscal Impact

This ordinance will reduce the necessary property levy for debt service by \$939,497 as recommended in the FY17 Budget recommendations.

Background

Abatements come before the Village Board for review and approval annually as the Village sets its property tax levy necessary to pay annual debt service. This particular debt issue was utilized to assist the Oak Park Public Library construct its new main branch on Lake Street. The Village levies a property tax on the Library's behalf to pay the annual debt service and the Library then reimburses the Village.

Alternatives

The Village Board is not required to abate any of the pre-filed debt levies with the County and by doing so, the abated amounts reduce the debt service portion of the Village levy. Prior to abating the debt service on a particular bond issue, there must be an alternative revenue source to pay that annual debt service.

Previous Board Action

The Village Board last approved the annual abatements at its meeting held on December 7, 2015.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A

Performance Management (MAP) Alignment

N/A