



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: December 1, 2025

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Agenda Item: Tax Levy Abatement Ordinance

Explanation: The Stormwater Management bonds that were issued in October 2023 include a Bond Order which sets forth the amount of the annual tax levy required. The tax levy requirement for 2025 is \$477,250. This amount must either be raised by the tax levy or if there is an alternative funding source, the tax levy must be abated. An additional .5% Home Rule Sales Tax was enacted in July 2022 to provide funding for stormwater projects and thus will be used in lieu of property taxes to pay the debt service on the bond.

Fiscal Impact: There are sufficient funds raised by the .5% HR Sales tax to pay the debt service of \$477,250 for FY 2026-27.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance which will be forwarded to the County Clerk to indicate that the levy for the debt service should NOT be extended.

Action Requested: First Reading on December 1, 2025 with Second Reading and approval scheduled for December 15, 2025. This ordinance will also be filed with the County by December 23rd as notification not to levy the tax.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2025,
HITHERTO MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE \$4,735,000 GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2023, OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEVELL
COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

WHEREAS, on the 21st day of August, an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$4,735,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023, of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, was duly adopted as Ordinance No. 3509; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance provided for a levy for the year 2025 of a tax sufficient to produce the sum of Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$477,250) for principal and interest; and

WHEREAS, there will be sufficient funds on hand to eliminate the 2025 tax levy made under Ordinance No. 3509:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEVELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1. That from the funds collected from the Sales Taxes and Revenue Sharing Receipts and from the other funds available to the City, necessary funds will be placed in the bond principal and interest fund, when available, to pay the sum of Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$477,250) for principal and interest.

SECTION 2. That the entire tax levy for the year 2025 principal and interest, be, and the same is hereby abated.

SECTION 3. That the County Clerk of Tazewell County, Illinois, be, and he is instructed not to make the tax levy for the year 2025 provided for by Ordinance No. 3509.

SECTION 4. That a certified copy of this Ordinance be filed with the County Clerk of Tazewell County, Illinois, as his authorization for failing to make the levy provided for by Ordinance No. 3509.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk