

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, special service areas may be established pursuant to (i) Article VII, Sections 6(l) and 7(6) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, (ii) the provisions of the Special Service Area Tax Law, 35 ILCS 200/27-5 et seq., as amended from time to time (the "Special Service Area Tax Law"), and (iii) 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 61-203 (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; and that said special services are 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 preambles of this ordinance are hereby incorporated herein as if set out herein in full.

SECTION 2. A public hearing shall be held by the Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development of the City Council of the City of Chicago at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois, 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 special services in the Area. The Services Tax shall not exceed the annual sum of 0.950 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property within the Area. The Services Tax shall be authorized to be levied in years 2023 through and including 2032. The proposed amount of the tax levy for special services for the initial year for which taxes will be levied within the Area in year 2023 is \$284,728. 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 not limited to: customer attraction, public way aesthetics, sustainability and public place enhancements, economic/business development, public health and safety programs, and other activities to promote commercial and economic development, which will be hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Special Services." The Special Services may include new construction or maintenance. Some or all of the proceeds of the proposed Services Tax are anticipated to be used by an entity other than the City of Chicago to provide the Special Services to the Area, which such entity shall be a "service provider" pursuant to a "services contract," each as defined in the Special Service Area Tax Law. 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 generally, along Lake Park Avenue between East Hyde Park Blvd and 55th Street, along 53rd Street between Woodlawn Avenue and the east side of the viaduct of the CN Metra viaduct, and along 55th Street from Harper Avenue to just west of South Hyde Park Blvd.

SECTION 3. Notice of the Hearing shall be published 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 61-2023.

Notice is hereby given that at _____ o'clock ____m., on the _____ day of _____, 2023 at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 121 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, a public hearing will be held by the Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development of the City Council of the City of Chicago, in order to consider the creation of an area within the City of Chicago to be known and designated as Special Service Area Number 61-2023 (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 the years 2023 through and including 2032. The purpose of creating the Area shall be to provide special services within the Area, which may include, but not limited to: customer attraction, public way aesthetics, sustainability and public place enhancements, economic/business development, public health and safety programs, and other activities to promote commercial and economic development, which will be hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Special Services." The Special Services may include new construction or maintenance. Some or all of the proceeds of the proposed Services Tax are anticipated to be used by an entity other than the City of Chicago to provide the Special Services to the Area, which such entity shall be a "service provider" pursuant to a "services contract," each as defined in the Special Service Area Tax Law, 35 ILCS 200/27-5 et seq., as amended from time to time.

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 annual sum of 0.950 percent of the equalized assessed value of taxable property within the Area. The proposed amount of the tax levy for special services for the initial year for which taxes will be levied within the Area in the year 2023 is \$284,728. 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 1. The approximate street location of said territory consists of

generally, along Lake Park Avenue between East Hyde Park Blvd and 55th Street, along 53rd Street between Woodlawn Avenue and the east side of the viaduct of the CN Metra viaduct, and along 55th Street from Harper Avenue to just west of South Hyde Park Blvd.

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 with respect to any issues embodied in this notice. The Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development 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 proposed 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 _____, 2023.

City Clerk, City of Chicago,
Cook County, Illinois

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. This ordinance shall become effective from its passage and approval.