

RESOLUTION 2019-10 Approved: May 7, 2019

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
ABILITY OF MUNICIPALITIES TO SHARE
LOCAL SIMPLIFIED MUNICIPAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX (MTT)
INFORMATION WITH OUTSIDE
PROFESSIONALS FOR THE VILLAGE OF
MAPLE PARK**

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax (MTT), municipalities are provided sales tax return information by the Illinois Department of Revenue (“IDOR”) for review and analysis; and,

WHEREAS, proper tracking and analysis of the sales tax return information received from IDOR is vital for municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, many municipalities do not have the resources necessary to employ in-house attorneys, accountants, auditors, and other financial professionals with the necessary expertise to properly track, review, and analyze the sales tax return information provided by IDOR; and,

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced by the Illinois General Assembly that would amend the MTT Tax Act to prohibit municipalities from sharing sales tax return information provided by IDOR with anyone outside of a few municipal officials who must be directly employed by the municipality (herein after referred to as the “Proposed Amendments”); and,

WHEREAS, the Proposed Amendments would prevent a municipality from sharing sales tax return information with its attorneys, accountants, auditors, and other financial professionals if they are not directly employed by the municipality, even though these professionals are directly involved in the finances of the municipality; and,

WHEREAS, outside professionals are equipped with systems and technology that safeguard the confidentiality of sales tax information while many municipalities are not; and,

WHEREAS, prohibiting a municipality from sharing MTT information with outside professionals will be detrimental to municipalities when entering into economic incentive agreements and when issuing bonds, especially if such bonds or economic incentive agreements involve sales tax revenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Proposed Amendments to the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications (MTT) Tax Act would also prohibit a municipality from contracting with outside professionals to track sales tax revenues in order to ensure that a municipality is not losing out on unremitted revenue it is owed; and,

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the President and the Board of Trustees find that it is in the best interest of the Village of Maple Park and its residents to oppose the Proposed Amendments to the MTT Tax Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Maple Park, Illinois strongly supports the ability of the municipalities to share sales tax return information with outside professionals.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Village of Maple Park, Illinois, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7th day of May, 2019 and approved by me as Village President on the same day.

Ayes: Dries, Fahnestock, Harris, Higgins, Rebone, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVED by the Village President on May 8, 2019.



Kathleen Curtis

KATHLEEN CURTIS, Village President

ATTEST:

Elizabeth E. Peerboom

ELIZABETH PEERBOOM, Village Clerk



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April 15, 2019

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Local Tax Allocation Division (MC 3-500)
101 W Jefferson St
Springfield, IL 62702-5145

Email: rev.localtax@illinois.gov

To Local Tax Division:

The Village of Maple Park is requesting, pursuant to the Reciprocal Agreements on Exchange of Information, the remittance reports available to this municipality for businesses registered in our jurisdiction for the current calendar year.

The following list of employees or individuals are authorized to view and electronically request the confidential information through My Local Tax portal:

Liz Peerboom, Village Clerk
Cheryl Aldridge, Village Accountant

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Curtis". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kathleen Curtis

Village President