

GENERAL

Ordinance Fact Sheet

140970

Ordinance Number

Brief Title

Amending the cooperative agreement
with Clay County, Missouri for delinquent
special assessment collection

Approval Deadline**Reason**

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with Clay County, Missouri for delinquent
special assessment collection

Details**Reason for Legislation**

Amending the cooperative agreement with Clay County, Missouri and the Clay County Collector for the collection of Kansas City delinquent special assessments, and appropriating funds for the payment of collection and assessment fees.

Discussion (explain all financial aspects of the proposed legislation, including future implications, any direct/indirect costs, specific account numbers, ordinance references, and budget page numbers.)

Ordinance No. 120491, which passed on June 14, 2012, authorized the execution of a cooperative agreement which allowed Clay County residents to receive a combined property tax billing that included both City and County taxes. Approval of this amendment would allow the City to send the County any special assessment that became delinquent within the last three years to be included on the property tax bill. This completes the City's recent efforts to improve special assessment collections by adding Clay County to the work already being undertaken by Platte and Jackson Counties on behalf of the City.

Collection fees payable to Clay County under this amendment to the agreement would total 1% of the amount collected for collection of delinquent special assessments plus a fee of \$20,000 for the first year to reimburse the County for software modifications necessary to add these assessments to the bill. After the first year, a fee of \$4,000 will be payable to the County annually until 2017 in addition to the 1% collection fee.

Funds are also being appropriated to ensure collection and assessment fees for property tax collections are adequate for FY 2014-15.

Positions/Recommendations**Sponsor****Programs,
Departments,
or Groups
Affected**

Finance Department

**Applicants /
Proponents**

Finance Department
Clay County Collector
Clay County Commission

Opponents**Groups or Individuals**

None Known
Basis of opposition

**Staff
Recommendation**☒ For☐ Against

Reason Against

**Board or
Commission
Recommendation**

By

☐ For ☐ Against ☐ No action taken☐ For, with revisions or conditions
(see details column for conditions)**Council
Committee
Actions**☐ Do pass☐ Do pass (as amended)☐ Committee Sub.☐ Without Recommendation☐ Hold☐ Do not pass

Details**Is it good for the children?**

Yes, additional collections of delinquent assessments through Clay County will allow the City to collect more revenue.

How will this contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

Currently, delinquent assessment bills are billed through the City and a collection agency. If the amendment is approved, Clay County will be the primary collector of delinquent assessments allowing the City to reduce the use of a collection agency. In addition, the City will not have to bill delinquent accounts which will cut down expenses.

Policy/Program Impact

Policy or Program Change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Operational Impact Assessment	

Finances

Cost & Revenue Projections -- Including Indirect Costs	
Financial Impact	
Fund Source (s) and Appropriation Account Codes	

(Use this space for further discussion, if necessary)

Applicable Dates:**Fact Sheet Prepared by:**

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Reference Numbers