

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-12-047

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana (“City”) is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to tax; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-3-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/8-3-1) provides that the corporate authorities may levy and collect taxes for corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2023, the corporate authorities passed Ordinance No. 2023-06-019, adopting the annual budget for the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-2-9.4 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/8-2-9.4) and Sections 2-113 and 2-132 of the Urbana City Code, such passage of the annual budget by the corporate authorities was in lieu of passage of the annual appropriation ordinance otherwise required by the Illinois Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities find that the corporate purposes of the City are served by levying upon all property subject to taxation within the City, as that property is assessed and equalized for state and county purposes for the 2023 tax levy year, the respective amounts set forth in this Ordinance, which such amounts are deemed necessary to defray the related expenses and liabilities for all such corporate purposes of the City as have been appropriated for such purposes in the annual budget; and

WHEREAS, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023, the corporate authorities held a public hearing on their intent to adopt a tax levy that is 9.66% more than the prior year’s final aggregate levy extensions, plus any amount abated, in accordance with Section 18-70 of the Truth in Taxation

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Chawn Ammons

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK

Law (35 ILCS 200/18-70), after due and proper notice of such public hearing was given by publication in *The News-Gazette* on Friday, November 24, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1.

The total amount of appropriations for all corporate purposes, which are legally made to be collected from the tax levy of the current fiscal year of the City of Urbana, is hereby ascertained to be the sum of \$10,265,792.

Section 2.

The sum of \$10,265,792 being the total of budgeted appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be collected from the tax levy of the current fiscal year of the City of Urbana for all corporate purposes of said City, is hereby levied upon all taxable property subject to taxation for the current year.

The specific amounts as levied for the various funds heretofore named are separately included herein by being placed in separate columns under the heading "To Be Raised by Tax Levy" which appears over the same, the tax so levied being for the current fiscal year of the City of Urbana and for the said budgeted appropriation to be collected from said tax levy, the total of which has been ascertained as aforesaid and being as follows:

	<u>Budget Appropriations</u>	<u>To Be Raised By Tax Levy</u>
<u>GENERAL CORPORATE FUND</u>		
For General Corporate Fund Expenditures		
For Personnel Costs-Fire Operations (Exclusive of Fire Pension costs levied separately)	6,548,570	2,281,616
<u>POLICEMEN'S PENSION FUND</u>		
For State-Mandated Pension Requirements	2,783,635	2,557,604

FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND

For State-Mandated Pension Requirements	<u>1,439,341</u>	<u>1,322,467</u>
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URBANA FREE LIBRARY

CENTRAL COSTS

Non-staff Costs	148,204	133,276
Employee Insurance	279,060	250,949
Other Employee Costs	<u>396,755</u>	<u>356,788</u>
SUBTOTAL, CENTRAL COSTS	824,019	741,013

ADMINISTRATION

Wages	419,591	377,324
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ADULT & YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Patron Resources	387,350	348,330
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ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT

Patron Resources	23,701	21,313
Wages	<u>287,839</u>	<u>258,844</u>
SUBTOTAL, ARCHIVES	311,540	280,157

ACQUISITIONS DEPARTMENT

Wages	390,622	351,273
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CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Wages	1,169,489	1,051,681
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Wages	142,382	128,039
Other Costs	<u>174,258</u>	<u>156,704</u>

SUBTOTAL, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	316,640	284,743
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DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTIONS DEPT.

Wages	283,231	254,700
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FACILITIES

Contractual Services	417,955	375,852
Wages	43,405	39,032
SUBTOTAL, FACILITIES	<u>461,360</u>	<u>414,885</u>

Total Library	<u>4,563,842</u>	<u>4,104,105</u>
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<u>TOTAL LEVY</u>		<u>10,265,792</u>
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Section 3.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Illinois Municipal Code, except that any tax rate limitation or other substantive limitations as to tax levies in the Illinois Municipal Code in conflict with this Ordinance shall not be applicable to this Ordinance pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970.

Section 4.

There is hereby certified to the County Clerk of Champaign County, Illinois, the several sums aforesaid, \$10,265,792, constituting said total amount the City of Urbana requires to be raised by taxation for the current fiscal year of the City.

Section 5.

The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

Section 6.

This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 7.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage. The City Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Champaign County Clerk on or before the last Tuesday in December.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the corporate authorities (5 of 8 votes) of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said corporate authorities.

PASSED BY THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES this 11th Day of December, 2023.

AYES: Wu, Evans, Hursey, Kolisetty, Wilken, Quisenberry

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None



DocuSigned by:

Darcy E. Sandefur

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Darcy E. Sandefur, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 21st Day of December, 2023.

DocuSigned by:

Diane Wolfe Marlin

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Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor

TRUTH IN TAXATION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
(TAX YEAR 20 23 LEVY)

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the presiding officer of
City of Urbana

(Legal Name of Taxing District)

and as such presiding officer I certify that the levy ordinance, a copy of which is attached, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with the provisions of Section 18-60 through 18-85 of the Truth in Taxation law.

Check One of the Choices Below:

- 1) The levy did exceed 105 percent of the prior year's extension. Therefore, the district published a notice in the newspaper and conducted a hearing. Notice is attached.
- 2) The levy did not exceed 105 percent of the prior year's extension. Therefore, a notice and a hearing were not necessary.
- 3) The proposed levy did not exceed 105 percent of the prior year's extension. Therefore, a hearing was not held. However, the adopted levy exceeded 105 percent of the prior year's extension and a notice was published within 15 days of its adoption. Notice is attached.
- 4) The adopted levy exceeded the amount stated in the initial published notice. A second notice was published within 15 days of the adoption. Notice is attached.

DocuSigned by:

Diane Wolfe Marlin

Presiding Officer:

Name

Title Mayor

Phone 217-384-2362

Email cityclerk@urbanaininois.us

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Date December 21, 2023

35 ILCS 200/18-90: Along with their tax levy, EVERY taxing district is required to file a certification by the presiding officer of the district certifying compliance with or inapplicability of the provisions of Truth in Taxation law.

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Dawn Ammons
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK

Revised: 9/2022



**CITY OF URBANA
PUBLIC HEARING**

DATE: Monday, December 04, 2023
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE URBANA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for the City of Urbana for 2023 will be held on December 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Urbana Council Chambers, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Darcy E, Sandefur, City Clerk, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801 at 217-384-2362.

The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$9,361,181.96. The proposed corporate and special service property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$10,265,792. This represents an 9.66% increase over the previous year.

The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 were \$0. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 are \$0. This represents a 0.00% increase over the previous year.

The total property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$9,361,181.96. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$10,265,792. This represents an 9.66% increase over the previous year.

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- B. Public Input**
- C. Adjournment**

Darcy E. Sandefur
City Clerk

Candidate filing begins Monday, signaling official start of cycle

By DILPREET RAJU
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Monday morning marks the official beginning of the 2024 election cycle in Illinois, opening up the weeklong period when candidates for local, state, congressional and judicial races are required to turn in the signatures they've spent the last two months collecting to get on the ballot.

The first day of petition filing has traditionally taken on a party atmosphere, as candidates and staff line up outside the Illinois State Board of Elections office in Springfield, where the line often reaches past the Chuck E. Cheese storefront, roughly 100 yards down from the board's entrance in the capital city strip mall.

Those who get in line before 8 a.m. are entered into a lottery drawing to be placed atop the ballot for their respective position. The lottery drawing is scheduled for Dec. 13.

Though many candidates line up before filing opens, elections board spokesperson Matt Dietrich said he hasn't seen any studies that prove being first on a primary ballot actually provides any advantage.

"Primary voters tend to be the most informed voters," he said. "So these are the voters most likely to know which candidates are on their primary ballot and they're the vot-



ers who are most likely to have already made up their minds before they go into the polling place."

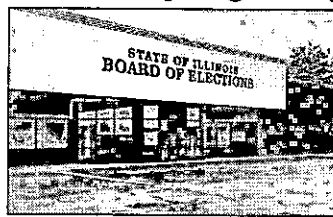
Still, "political candidates, if they sense that there may be any type of advantage to something, they'll go out of their way," Dietrich said.

Some candidates also try for another myth of advantage by waiting until the last hour of the last day of the filing period, Dec. 4 from 4 to 5 p.m. This pool of candidates is entered into a lottery to be at the bottom of the list in their respective races.

Candidates can file petitions to be on the ballot from Nov. 27 through Dec. 4 at the elections office for any of the 17 U.S. House of Representatives seats, 141 Illinois General Assembly seats or 77 judicial vacancies.

After filing, the board opens a period for challenges to candidate petitions. Typically, opponents or party operatives will attempt to knock a new-comer off the ballot for signatures that may not have been collected properly, or in some cases are proven to be fraudulent.

The board will certify the primary ballot at its January meeting, and the



The Illinois State Board of Elections office in Springfield.

primary election is scheduled for March 19.

This filing day signals a return to normal from the last state election cycle, which was slowed by delays in 2020 U.S. Census data that caused a chain reaction — slowing the process of redistricting in 2021 and changing Illinois' typical mid-March primary to a June primary last year. Instead of the usual November candidate filing in 2021, the

Board of Elections pushed it to March 2022.

Dietrich said it was necessary as candidates needed the new maps — which had been challenged in court — finalized before they could start passing petitions for the new districts they sought to run in.

Election security Even before petitions are filed, election authorities in Illinois are trying to

get ahead of both conspiracy theories and genuine questions about election security and integrity that have continued to circulate and evolve on social media during the past several election cycles.

In late September a number of downstate county clerks hosted a series of coordinated news conferences to send the message that if constituents are concerned about election integrity, they should visit their local county clerk's office to learn how the process is actually handled from start to finish.

In a Capitol Cast interview this fall, Tazewell County Clerk John Ackerman said that since 2016, county clerks throughout the state of Illinois have seen "unprecedented attention focused on elections."

"A lot of misinformation [is] being placed out there," Ackerman said. "Two presidential cycles in a row. Before we got to

the third one, if you just keep doing the same thing, you'll get the same result." Ackerman said he tries to tell people, "you know who we are, we're in the community, our kids go to the same schools, we shop at the same supermarkets."

On the podcast in September, Dietrich emphasized that the work of running elections is largely decentralized; the Board of Elections only provides administrative support to Illinois' 108 local election authorities.

"They do all of the voter registration, they do all of the voter list maintenance on a daily basis, they recruit the election judges, they rent out the polling places," he said.

One increased security measure requires that no one except Board of Elections employees and candidates filing their signatures will be allowed in the petition filing room next week.

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN) SS

I, DARCY E. SANDEFUR, City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, and keeper of the records, files and seal of said City, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024
[ORD. 2023-12-047]**

Approved by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, on the 11th day of December, AD, 2023, as it appears in the records and files in my office remaining.

Given under my hand and seal of said City of Urbana, Illinois, this 21st day of December, AD, 2023.

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Darcy E. Sandefur

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Darcy E. Sandefur, City Clerk

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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK