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OFFICE POLICY

Allowable Costs to be Charged to the Ward Projects Funds

June 12, 2015

Since the mid-1990s, the City of Aurora has dedicated a share of its gaming tax revenues to projects of local (ward) benefit. Initially, these costs were charged directly to the city's Gaming Tax Fund. Effective December 31, 1999, the city established a separate "ward projects fund" (a capital projects fund) to facilitate the accounting of each ward's allocation of gaming tax revenues. Since their creation, the ward projects funds have received at least part of their resources through transfers from the Gaming Tax Fund.


On December 22, 2009, the Aurora City Council adopted Resolution No. R09-489, Resolution to Establish the City of Aurora 2010 Ward/Street Overlay Program and Authorization of 2010 Ward Fund Allocations. This resolution established that each of the ten ward projects funds would receive a total of \$75,000 per year with \$40,000 coming from the Gaming Tax Fund and \$35,000 from Capital Improvements Fund A. The resolution further specified that at least \$50,000 (two thirds) of the total annual allocation of resources to each ward projects fund should be devoted to capital improvement projects. The remaining \$25,000 (one third) could be spent on items "to enhance the individual ward communities at the discretion of the respective Aldermen, with Council approval if deemed necessary."

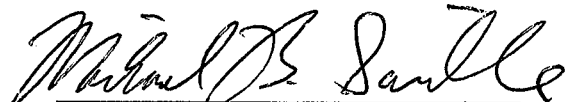
While Resolution No. R09-489 explicitly applied only to the 2010 fiscal year, ward projects funds should continue to be spent in accordance with the formula of two thirds for capital improvement projects and one third for ward enhancement items (the "two thirds/one third policy") until a different policy is established. The total amount of money allocated to the ward projects funds may vary from year to year depending upon resource availability.

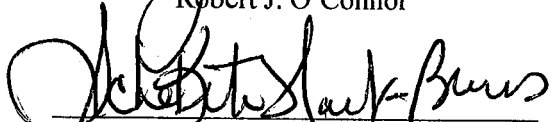
Ward enhancement items generally include and exclude the items indicated in the schedule attached to this document.

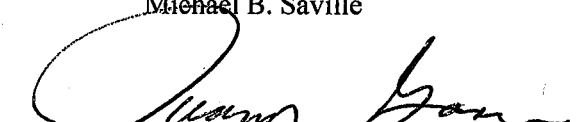
If you have a question concerning this matter, please contact any member of the Finance Committee.

This policy supersedes the Aldermen's Office policy dated April 7, 2015 with the same subject as indicated above.


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The Ward enhancement items include, but are not limited to:

Categories of Events (examples)	Directly Benefits Ward	
	Yes	No
Neighborhood clean-ups	yes	
Donations to civic and charitable organizations subject to applicable city policy	yes	
Items that promote public safety	yes	
Other programs conducted pursuant to a program document approved by the City Council	yes	
Contributions to Charitable 501c3 Organizations	yes	

The Ward enhancement items do not include:

Categories of Events (examples)	Directly Benefits Ward	
	Yes	No
Mileage and other travel expenses*		No
Conference or seminar registration fees*		No
Social events/Registration fees (attendance required)*		No
Memberships in civic organizations, service clubs and similar organizations*		No
Telecommunication device and service charges*		No
Golf Outing (Play in 2 per year)*		No

*These costs may be paid pursuant to other established Aldermen's office policies subject to budgetary authority provided