VALLEY HONDA SALES TAX REBATE AGREEMENT



4.10.25



Purpose

- To enter into a Sales Tax Rebate Agreement with Valley Honda to assist in their corporately mandated major renovation that will improve efficiencies and add service capabilities.
- The proposed agreement is common practice, is based upon recent auto dealership agreements, and is necessary because of the large construction costs.

Project



 Valley Honda plans to do the following improvements:

- Adding a third lane to our service drive will alleviate the congestion in front of our service drive while continuing to have the necessary amount of parking spaces.
- Expand the square footage of the showroom by capturing administrative space, thus accommodating additional personnel needed in the sales department to serve our clients.
- Expand the square footage of administrative offices on the second level, adding increased administrative and customer facing digital office space, meeting rooms, and associate restrooms.
- Build the infrastructure necessary to accommodate the sales and service of battery electric vehicles.



Common Practice

- Sales tax sharing agreements with car dealerships is common practice.
 - In 2016, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) conducted a study and found that there were 127 sales tax sharing agreements with car dealerships in the Chicago Region.
- These agreements are one of the safest incentives to give because the City is guaranteed our normal amount plus even more.
- We both share in their success.

City of Aurora Sales Tax Rebate Agreements with Dealerships Valley Imports (1992)

Gartner Buick (1994)

Valley Imports Volkswagen (1998)

Max Madsen (2001)

Fox Valley Suzuki (2003)

Valley Honda (2007)* Due to recession, project not completed, therefore no COA funding.

Napleton Genesis (2022)

Napleton Hyundai (2022)

Other Communities Summary

- Staff researched recent examples in nearby communities and found that this proposal is in keeping with most agreements in terms of dollar amount, percentages, and term duration.
 - It is worth noting that this agreement with Valley Honda has the same basic terms as the recent Napleton agreements.
- It is also very clear that there is a long history in the region of municipalities competing against each other to keep existing dealerships or to attract new dealerships.



Other Community Examples

Municipality	Years	Share
Oak Lawn	12	50% of sales tax
Lansing Honda	20	50% of sales tax (new building)
Lansing CDJR	25	50% of sales tax
St. Charles Honda	15	75% of sales tax
St. Charles Kia	20	75% of sales tax in first three years, after that 50/50, capped at \$5.2 million
Elmhurst	15	75% of sales tax in first three years, after that 50/50, capped at \$1.5 renovation (100% of their project)
North Aurora	10	85% of sales tax once the annual threshold of \$219,000 is met.
Joliet CarMax	15	70% of sales tax (1-5 years), 60% (5-10), 50% (11-15 or until cap met)



Proposed Agreement Terms

- **Project Cost:** The project cost is estimated at \$17,582,253.
- **Term:** 15 Years Maximum (Proforma anticipates that the Reimbursement Cap would be reached in the 12-13 year time frame.
- **Sales Tax Distribution:** First \$1,050,000 to City Annually. Distribution after threshold reached: 65% Valley Honda/35% to City
- **Taxes Eligible for Rebate**: 1% Sales Tax to City Related to Vehicle Sales

2.25% Home Rule Sales Tax- Parts and Miscellaneous

• **Reimbursement Cap:** \$12,800,000 (represents 73% of the project cost). Note that the Reimbursement Cap is consistent with the percentage paid to Napleton for the overall Hyundai and Genesis projects.

Maximum Reimbursement				\$	12,800,000	
City Sales Tax Floor				\$	1,050,000	
Maximum Term					15 Years	
Sale	s Tax Split Above	e Floor				
				65% Valley Honda		
				35% City of Aurora		
	Municipal				Valley	
Sales Taxes		City	Honda			
Generated			Share		Share	
\$	750,000	\$	750,000	\$	-	
\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000	\$		
\$	1,250,000	\$	1,120,000	\$	130,000	
\$	1,500,000	\$	1,207,500	\$	292,500	
\$	1,750,000	\$	1,295,000	\$	455,000	
\$	2,000,000	\$	1,382,500	\$	617,500	
\$	2,250,000	\$	1,470,000	\$	780,000	
\$	2,500,000	\$	1,557,500	\$	942,500	
\$	2,750,000	\$	1,645,000	\$	1,105,000	
\$	3,000,000	\$	1,732,500	\$	1,267,500	

SALES TAX SPLIT SCENARIO

4/11/2025

