

**AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL  
SALES TAX WITHIN THE EXISTING WESTLAKE SPECIAL SERVICE AREA  
AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND  
OTHER PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Peoria is home rule unit exercising power and authority pursuant to Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Peoria adopted an Ordinance (No. 16580) establishing a Special Service Area within the City of Peoria known as the Westlake SSA;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Peoria has received a request from an owner of land within the Westlake SSA asking that an additional sales tax be imposed within the boundaries of the Westlake SSA:

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

**Section 1. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL SERVICE AREA**

The authority to establish and finance a Special Service Area is provided in Section 6(1) of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, which provides, in pertinent part:

The General Assembly may not deny or limit the power of home rule units ... (2) to levy or impose additional taxes upon areas within their boundaries in the manner provided by law for the provision of special services to those areas and for the payment of debt incurred in order to provide those special services.

and by the Special Service Area Tax Law (35 ILCS 200/27-5 et seq.).

**Section 2. FINDINGS**

The City Council of the City of Peoria, Illinois finds:

- (a) That the consideration, by public hearing, of the imposition of an additional sales tax in the area known as the Westlake SSA, for the services and purposes herein set forth, is in the public interest.
- (b) That the services for which provisions are made are in addition to those governmental services generally provided by the City of Peoria throughout said municipality.
- (c) That the imposition of an additional sales tax within the Westlake SSA will provide services to businesses within the boundaries of the Westlake SSA over and above those typically provided pertaining to government affairs of the City of Peoria, such services to include:
  - 1. The renovation of the parking lot areas within the Westlake SSA.

2. Additions or enhancements to, and/or maintenance of improvements within the Westlake SSA, or along, to, or within the public rights of way known as West Lake Street and Rockwood Road.
- (d) That it is in the best interests of the property owners within the Westlake SSA that an additional sales tax be imposed against the properties in said Special Service Area for the provision of special services within said Special Service Area;

Section 3. PUBLIC HEARING – TAX RATE

A public hearing is hereby scheduled for the 24th day of June, 2014 at 6:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chambers, Room 400, City Hall, Peoria, Illinois, to consider:

- (a) The imposition of an additional sales tax upon properties within the existing Westlake SSA, proceeds of which will be used to fund the renovation of the parking lot areas within the SSA, and for additions or enhancements to, and/or maintenance of improvements within the Westlake SSA, or along, to, or within the public rights of way known as West Lake Street and Rockwood Road.

Section 4. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of the Public Hearing shall be published in the Peoria Journal Star not less than 15 nor more than 30 days prior to the date of hearing, in accordance with the requirements of 35 ILCS 200/27-25, 200/27-30, and 200/27-45.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

Approved:

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Examined and Approved:

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Corporation Counsel