

AN ACT concerning local government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by changing Sections 11-74.3-3 and 11-74.3-5 as follows:

(65 ILCS 5/11-74.3-3) (from Ch. 24, par. 11-74.3-3)

Sec. 11-74.3-3. Powers of municipalities. In addition to the powers a municipality may now have, a municipality shall have the following powers:

(1) To make and enter into all contracts necessary or incidental to the implementation and furtherance of a business district plan. A contract by and between the municipality and any developer or other nongovernmental person to pay or reimburse said developer or other nongovernmental person for business district project costs incurred or to be incurred by said developer or other nongovernmental person shall not be deemed an economic incentive agreement under Section 8-11-20, notwithstanding the fact that such contract provides for the sharing, rebate, or payment of retailers' occupation taxes or service occupation taxes (including, without limitation, taxes imposed pursuant to subsection (10)) the municipality receives from the development or

redevelopment of properties in the business district. Contracts entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be binding upon successor corporate authorities of the municipality and any party to such contract may seek to enforce and compel performance of the contract by civil action, mandamus, injunction, or other proceeding.

(2) Within a business district, to acquire by purchase, donation, or lease, and to own, convey, lease, mortgage, or dispose of land and other real or personal property or rights or interests therein; and to grant or acquire licenses, easements, and options with respect thereto, all in the manner and at such price authorized by law. No conveyance, lease, mortgage, disposition of land or other property acquired by the municipality, or agreement relating to the development of property, shall be made or executed except pursuant to prior official action of the municipality. No conveyance, lease, mortgage, or other disposition of land owned by the municipality, and no agreement relating to the development of property, within a business district shall be made without making public disclosure of the terms and disposition of all bids and proposals submitted to the municipality in connection therewith.

(2.5) To acquire property by eminent domain in accordance with the Eminent Domain Act.

(3) To clear any area within a business district by

demolition or removal of any existing buildings, structures, fixtures, utilities, or improvements, and to clear and grade land.

(4) To install, repair, construct, reconstruct, or relocate public streets, public utilities, and other public site improvements within or without a business district which are essential to the preparation of a business district for use in accordance with a business district plan.

(5) To renovate, rehabilitate, reconstruct, relocate, repair, or remodel any existing buildings, structures, works, utilities, or fixtures within any business district.

(6) To construct public improvements, including but not limited to buildings, structures, works, utilities, or fixtures within any business district.

(7) To fix, charge, and collect fees, rents, and charges for the use of any building, facility, or property or any portion thereof owned or leased by the municipality within a business district.

(8) To pay or cause to be paid business district project costs. Any payments to be made by the municipality to developers or other nongovernmental persons for business district project costs incurred by such developer or other nongovernmental person shall be made only pursuant to the prior official action of the municipality evidencing

an intent to pay or cause to be paid such business district project costs. A municipality is not required to obtain any right, title, or interest in any real or personal property in order to pay business district project costs associated with such property. The municipality shall adopt such accounting procedures as shall be necessary to determine that such business district project costs are properly paid.

(8.5) Utilize up to 1% of the revenue from a business district retailers' occupation tax and service occupation tax imposed under paragraph (10) and a hotel operators' occupation tax under paragraph (11) of Section 11-74.3-3 in connection with one business district for eligible costs in another business district that is:

(A) contiguous to the business district from which the revenues are received;

(B) separated only by a public right of way from the business district from which the revenues are received; or

(C) separated only by forest preserve property from the business district from which the revenues are received if the closest boundaries of the business districts that are separated by the forest preserve property are less than one mile apart.

(9) To apply for and accept grants, guarantees, donations of property or labor or any other thing of value

for use in connection with a business district project.

(10) If the municipality has by ordinance found and determined that the business district is a blighted area under this Law, to impose a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax in the business district for the planning, execution, and implementation of business district plans and to pay for business district project costs as set forth in the business district plan approved by the municipality.

(11) If the municipality has by ordinance found and determined that the business district is a blighted area under this Law, to impose a hotel operators' occupation tax in the business district for the planning, execution, and implementation of business district plans and to pay for the business district project costs as set forth in the business district plan approved by the municipality.

(Source: P.A. 96-1394, eff. 7-29-10; 96-1555, eff. 3-18-11; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11.)

(65 ILCS 5/11-74.3-5)

Sec. 11-74.3-5. Definitions. The following terms as used in this Law shall have the following meanings:

"Blighted area" means an area that is a blighted area which, by reason of the predominance of defective, non-existent, or inadequate street layout, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, deterioration of site improvements,

improper subdivision or obsolete platting, or the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire or other causes, or any combination of those factors, retards the provision of housing accommodations or constitutes an economic or social liability, an economic underutilization of the area, or a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare.

"Business district" means a contiguous area which includes only parcels of real property directly and substantially benefited by the proposed business district plan. A business district may, but need not be, a blighted area, but no municipality shall be authorized to impose taxes pursuant to subsection (10) or (11) of Section 11-74.3-3 in a business district which has not been determined by ordinance to be a blighted area under this Law.

"Business district plan" shall mean the written plan for the development or redevelopment of a business district. Each business district plan shall set forth in writing: (i) a specific description of the boundaries of the proposed business district, including a map illustrating the boundaries; (ii) a general description of each project proposed to be undertaken within the business district, including a description of the approximate location of each project and a description of any developer, user, or tenant of any property to be located or improved within the proposed business district; (iii) the name of the proposed business district; (iv) the estimated business district project costs; (v) the anticipated source of funds to

pay business district project costs; (vi) the anticipated type and terms of any obligations to be issued; and (vii) the rate of any tax to be imposed pursuant to subsection (10) or (11) of Section 11-74.3-3 and the period of time for which the tax shall be imposed.

"Business district project costs" shall mean and include the sum total of all costs incurred by a municipality, other governmental entity, or nongovernmental person in connection with a business district, in the furtherance of a business district plan, including, without limitation, the following:

(1) costs of studies, surveys, development of plans and specifications, implementation and administration of a business district plan, and personnel and professional service costs including architectural, engineering, legal, marketing, financial, planning, or other professional services, provided that no charges for professional services may be based on a percentage of tax revenues received by the municipality;

(2) property assembly costs, including but not limited to, acquisition of land and other real or personal property or rights or interests therein, and specifically including payments to developers or other nongovernmental persons as reimbursement for property assembly costs incurred by that developer or other nongovernmental person;

(3) site preparation costs, including but not limited to clearance, demolition or removal of any existing

buildings, structures, fixtures, utilities, and improvements and clearing and grading of land;

(4) costs of installation, repair, construction, reconstruction, extension, or relocation of public streets, public utilities, and other public site improvements within or without the business district which are essential to the preparation of the business district for use in accordance with the business district plan, and specifically including payments to developers or other nongovernmental persons as reimbursement for site preparation costs incurred by the developer or nongovernmental person;

(5) costs of renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, relocation, repair, or remodeling of any existing buildings, improvements, and fixtures within the business district, and specifically including payments to developers or other nongovernmental persons as reimbursement for costs incurred by those developers or nongovernmental persons;

(6) costs of installation or construction within the business district of buildings, structures, works, streets, improvements, equipment, utilities, or fixtures, and specifically including payments to developers or other nongovernmental persons as reimbursements for such costs incurred by such developer or nongovernmental person;

(7) financing costs, including but not limited to all



necessary and incidental expenses related to the issuance of obligations, payment of any interest on any obligations issued under this Law that accrues during the estimated period of construction of any development or redevelopment project for which those obligations are issued and for not exceeding 36 months thereafter, and any reasonable reserves related to the issuance of those obligations; and

(8) relocation costs to the extent that a municipality determines that relocation costs shall be paid or is required to make payment of relocation costs by federal or State law.

"Business district tax allocation fund" means the special fund to be established by a municipality for a business district as provided in Section 11-74.3-6.

"Dissolution date" means the date on which the business district tax allocation fund shall be dissolved. The dissolution date shall be not later than 270 days following payment to the municipality of the last distribution of taxes as provided in Section 11-74.3-6.

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