

**Sponsor: Michael Opinker
5th District Councilman**

RESOLUTION NO. R24

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE THE ADJUSTMENT TO THE 2015 LEVY FOR THE CITY OF HAMMOND IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

WHEREAS, IC 36-8-16.7-47(e) requires that each Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) operator in Lake County enter into an agreement with every other PSAP operation in Lake County prior to December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for Consolidation of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in Lake County, Indiana, dated December 6, 2013 (hereinafter "Interlocal Agreement") creates a consolidated PSAP for the purpose of receiving 911 calls and public safety dispatching, as Indiana Law mandates no more than two (2) PSAPs per county; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-7-16 and 36-1-8-17 apply to a political subdivision if the political subdivision combines or reorganizes a department, agency, or function of the political subdivision and the political subdivision realizes through the combination or reorganization a savings or reduction in the reasonably foreseeable expenses that would otherwise have been incurred by the subdivision if the combination or reorganization had not taken place; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-7-16 and 36-1-8-17 further require that the fiscal body of the political subdivision shall specify by resolution the amount of the decrease that the Department of Local Government Finance shall make to the maximum permissible property tax levies, maximum permissible property tax rates and budgets of the political subdivision for 2015 to eliminate double taxation by different political subdivisions for services; or eliminate any excess by which the amount of property taxes imposed by the political subdivision exceeds the amount necessary to pay for services; and

WHEREAS, IC 36-1-8-17 requires that the fiscal body of the City of Hammond shall determine and certify to the Department of Local Government Finance the amount of adjustment to be made to its maximum permissible property tax levies, maximum permissible property tax rates, and budgets for 2015; and

WHEREAS, a financial analysis was conducted by Cender & Company of each of the seventeen (17) individual PSAPs in Lake County to determine the budget attributable to dispatch of each political subdivision; thereafter the fiscal officer of each political subdivision reviewed and approved the amount of levy attributable to PSAP cost for its political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement identifies the specific amount of adjustment to the levy for each political subdivision, as required by IC 36-1-7-16(c); and the Interlocal Agreement requires that each political subdivision certify that amount to the Department of Local Government Finance by September 1, 2014; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Hammond Common Council hereby determines and certifies to the Department of Local Government Finance that the City of Hammond should have a reduction of levy in the amount of \$1,158,871.00 to be transferred to Lake County.

RESOLVED this 25th day of August, 2014

Michael Opinker, President /s/
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST: _____
ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk /s/

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond to the Mayor said City for approval on the 26th day of August, 2014.

ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk /s/

The foregoing Resolution No. R24 consisting of two (2) typewritten pages, including this page, approved by the Mayor on the 28th day of August 2014.

THOMAS M. MCDERMOTT, JR., Mayor /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 25th day of August, 2014.

ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk /s/