



Village of Skokie

December 6, 2011
For Immediate Release

Skokie's 2011 Tax Levy Marks 21st Year of Property Tax Freeze

The Skokie Village Board is considering a 2011 property tax levy that is identical to the Village's 1990 levy, marking the twenty-first consecutive year of the Board's self-imposed property tax freeze. The 2011 tax levy presented to the Village Board on December 5 for first consideration amounts to \$15,456,695, which is identical to the 1990 levy. Approval is expected at the December 19, 2011 Village Board meeting.

"The Village Board approved a five-year property tax freeze in 1991. Due to prudent budgeting and pro-active economic development, the Village has been able to sustain the property tax freeze for an additional 16 years, with 2011 marking the twenty-first year of the Village Board's commitment to hold the line on the Village's share of property taxes," commented Mayor George Van Dusen. "In 1990, the Village's share of an average Skokie property tax bill was 15.22%. In 2010, the Village's share was an average 7.15%. This has been sustained through austere financial times, without an impact on Skokie's excellent municipal services. I commend my colleagues on the Village Board and all Village staff for their hard work to continue Skokie's property tax freeze in light of challenging economic times."

Without a property tax freeze, annual increases could have mirrored changes in the consumer price index. Had the Village of Skokie adjusted its levy annually for inflation since 1990, the 2011 levy would have been \$26,600,178, which is \$11,143,483 higher than the actual 2011 levy of \$15,456,695. It also equates to a nearly 72.1% increase over the 2011 levy, and would have resulted in an average \$326 increase to the average annual residential property tax bill.

Tax bills contain a number of different components, with different government agencies responsible for the various components. For example, the Cook County Assessor determines property value, assessment level, assessed value, equalized assessed value and exemption for homeowners, senior citizens, etc. The only level of control the Village of Skokie has over property tax bills is relative to its annual tax levy. For more information on Skokie's portion of property taxes visit www.skokie.org.

###

For more information contact:
Ann Tennes, Director of Marketing and Communications
847/933-8234

Village Hall

5127 Oakton Street
Skokie, Illinois 60077

Phone (847) 673-0500
Fax (847) 673-0525

www.skokie.org
SkokieVision Municipal Cable
1660 AM Skokie

Council-Manager Government

Mayor	George Van Dusen
Clerk	Marlene Williams
Trustees	Michele L. Bromberg
	Michael M. Lorge
	Donald P. Perille
	Randall E. Roberts
	Pramod C. Shah
	Edie Sue Sutker
Manager	Albert J. Rigoni
Counsel	J. Patrick Hanley

Awards and Distinctions

All America City Finalist

American Public Works Association
(APWA) Accreditation

Commission on Accreditation for
Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

Commission on Fire Accreditation
International (CFAI)

Fitch IBCA AAA Financial
Bond Rating

Gold Level Clean Air Counts
Community

Governor's Hometown Award

Government Finance Officers
Association Budget Award

Government Finance Officers
Association Certificate of
Achievement for Excellence in
Financial Reporting

Insurance Services Office (ISO)
Class One Fire Department

State of Illinois Certified Health
Department

Tree City U.S.A. Distinction