



Tommy Thomson, Village Clerk
Office of the Village Clerk, 9500 Belmont Avenue
Franklin Park, IL 60131

Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Thomson:

This is a request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140.

We request that a copy of the following documents [or documents containing the following information] be provided to us: the most recent reported tax revenue received for each of the ten Tax Increment Finance (TIF) districts in the Village of Franklin Park (only tax revenue, not other revenue sources), the most recent reported total expenditures for each of the ten TIF districts, and the most recent reported fund balances for the ten TIF districts. We also request clarification from the Village of Franklin Park Community Development office, as to why there is a discrepancy with the Village of Franklin Park TIF Report available from the Illinois Comptroller's office for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2011. The report only indicates seven TIF districts and not the ten TIF districts that are listed on the Village TIF district map and the Cook County Clerk's website.

We would like to obtain copies of these records in PDF format via electronic mail. The documentation may be sent to my email address, ngaudi@openlocalillinois.org.

We understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 ILCS 140/6. We request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to us is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in our commercial interest. The information is being gathered for research, and will be utilized to educate the public on the Tax Increment Finance Districts located in Franklin Park by providing that information via electronic media. It is in the public interest to obtain this information, due to the lack of information provided to the public currently by the local unit of government. The public also has a vested interest in understanding the TIF districts in their community, due to the appropriation of their tax dollars.

I look forward to hearing from you in writing within seven working days, as required by the Act. 5 ILCS 140(3).

Sincerely,

Nicholas Gaudi
Director of Community and Government Relations
Open Local Illinois