

## **RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION OF OAK PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT 97 URGING OFFICIALS OF COOK COUNTY TO ADOPT MEANINGFUL TAX BILLING AND COLLECTION REFORM TO ENSURE THE TIMELY ISSUANCE OF THE 2ND INSTALLMENT OF 2009 REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS AND ALL FUTURE TAX BILLS**

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly in the Revenue Code has determined that in Cook County the billings for the 1st installment of real estate taxes should be sent out by January 31st annually and payable in March, while the 2nd installment of real estate taxes should be due on August 1st or 30 days following the issuance of the real estate tax bill for the 2nd installment, and

**WHEREAS**, in the past 30 years, the due dates for the 2nd installment of real estate tax bills have been later in the year from August / September due dates to November / December due dates and now may not be due until 2011, and

**WHEREAS**, all local governments, including Cook County, are impacted by the delay in state payments, making local real estate tax payments even more critical to the sustainability of social services, and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County property tax payers would be financially burdened if the pattern of two tax bills per year is disrupted and our ability to provide students with a quality education is jeopardized when delivery is delayed,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OAK PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT 97, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

That responsible elected officials of Cook County:

**SECTION 1:** Issue the 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment of the 2009 property tax bill in time for payment in 2010 followed by the timely dispersal of funds to local taxing units;

**SECTION 2:** Seek outside arbitration and guidance, if units of government responsible for tax assessment and collection cannot resolve internal problems of the processing of tax statements in preparation for timely mailing, collection and payment to entitled government units;

**SECTION 3:** Reform the process to ensure the timely billing and collection of real estate taxes in line with the expectations of state statutes and the best traditions of past practices.

This Resolution passed and adopted by the Oak Park Board of Education, District 97 on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

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Peter Traczyk, President

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Sheryl Marinier, Secretary