
**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2015-035**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF
THE COOK COUNTY AMUSEMENT TAX**

**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

1st Ward	TOM HAWLEY	GEORGE POULOS
2nd Ward	LETICIA VIEYRA	FRED BILOTTO
3rd Ward	NANCY RITA	KEVIN DONAHUE
4th Ward	CANDACE CARR	ALECIA SLATTERY
5th Ward	JANICE OSTLING	KENNETH PITTMAN
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Aldermen

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WHEREAS, the Southwest Conference of Mayors is a body of duly elected officials representing twenty-one communities in southwest suburban Cook County with a population in excess of 350,000; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Southwest Conference of Mayors work diligently to efficiently and effectively operate their municipalities while providing necessary services to their residents; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Southwest Conference of Mayors work together to keep the cost of running government down while providing all necessary services; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Conference of Mayors believes that local government should be used as an example of running a cost-efficient operation while providing all vital services to their residents; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, Illinois has a projected \$198.9 million budget hole for FY 2016; and

WHEREAS, just months ago the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a penny-on-the-dollar sales increase which is expected to generate \$470 million; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board President proposed a budget for FY 2016 which includes an extension of the County's 3 percent Amusement Tax to cable TV and recreational activities such as golf, bowling and many for-profit sports leagues; and

WHEREAS, families and businesses are already struggling to absorb the sales tax increase recently passed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension of the Amusement Tax is targeting some of the only affordable options of entertainment for some people; and

WHEREAS, this proposed expansion of the Amusement Tax will impact greatly seniors, young families and low-income families; and

WHEREAS, TV is a source for many low-income families as well as seniors as a resource of providing educational programming as well as critical news and public safety information; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension of the Cook County Amusement Tax will undoubtedly devastate the already hurting recreational activities such as golf and bowling; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension of the Cook County Amusement Tax will negatively impact job growth and economic development in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of the Cook County Amusement Tax will yet be another financial burden on the residents and businesses of Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the proposed extension of the Cook County Amusement Tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois urge the Cook County Board of Commissioners to consider the financial well being of the residents and businesses of Cook County when considering any future fee and tax proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois strongly urge the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners to oppose the proposed extension of the Cook County Amusement Tax.

ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2015, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman POULOS					
Alderman VIEYRA					
Alderman BILOTTO					
Alderman RITA					
Alderman DONAHUE					
Alderman CARR					
Alderman SLATTERY					
Alderman OSTLING					
Alderman PITTMAN					
Alderman JOHNSON					
Alderman FRAUSTO					
Alderman THOMPSON					
Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
TOTAL					

APPROVED: this 10th day of November, 2015.

**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

ATTESTED and **Filed** in my office this
10th day of November, 2015.

CITY CLERK