

**CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 3687**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ABATE CERTAIN TAXES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
MONROE AND ST. CLAIR COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbia (“City”), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2020, pursuant to Ordinance No. 3502 (the “Bond Ordinance”), the City issued Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) in principal amount of General Obligation Bonds (Video Gaming Receipts Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020 of the City (the “Bonds”); and

**WHEREAS**, also, pursuant to the Bond Ordinance, the City levied a direct, continuing tax upon all taxable property within the City sufficient, after due allowance shall have been made for the cost of collection and for delinquencies in the payment of taxes, to produce the sums necessary in each year for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, in addition to all other taxes to be levied by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenue and receipts from the City’s video gaming receipts in 2025 have been determined by the City Council to be sufficient to provide the sum of \$65,588 in 2025 for payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds becoming due and payable through December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bond Ordinance provides that whenever in any year the revenues and receipts from the City’s utility taxes equal an amount sufficient to meet debt service requirements on the Bonds, the City Council shall abate the real estate taxes levied by the Bond Ordinance for payment during such year and appropriate notice of such abatement shall be filed with the County Clerks of Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, as follows:

**Section 1.** The preceding recitations in the upper part of this Ordinance are realleged, restated and adopted as paragraph one (“1”) of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.** The City Council hereby finds and determines that the revenues and receipts from the City’s utility taxes on deposit in the City’s PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND are at least equal to the debt service requirements on the Bonds payable through December 31, 2025.

**Section 3.** The City Council hereby directs the abatement of taxes to be levied in 2024 pursuant to the Bond Ordinance (and payable during 2025) in the amount of

\$65,588 and requests that the County Clerks in and for Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois not extend for collection the 2024 Ad Valorem Property Taxes directed to be levied by said Bond Ordinance of the City in said amount of \$65,588 for the reason that the revenues and receipts from the City's utility taxes are at least equal to the debt service requirements on the Bonds payable through December 31, 2025, as stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

**Section 4.** The City Clerk of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, shall promptly certify a copy of this Tax Levy Abatement Ordinance, with the date of its passage, to the County Clerks of both Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois.

**PASSED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2024, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Riddle, Khouri, Lawlor, Nobbe, and Hitzemann.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:



BOB HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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DEREK REICHERT, City Clerk

(SEAL)



STATE OF ILLINOIS      )  
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COUNTY OF MONROE    ) ss

**CERTIFICATE OF TRUE COPY**

I, **DEREK REICHERT**, City Clerk of the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a full, true, and complete copy of Ordinance No. 3687 of the City Council of the City adopted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2024, and directing that certain taxes of the City payable in 2025 and levied in 2024 to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the City's Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) General Obligation Bonds (Video Gaming Receipts Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020 through December 31, 2025 be abated in the amount of \$65,588.

I do certify hereby further that, prior to the making of this Certificate, said Ordinance has been spread at length upon the records of said City, where it now appears and remains in numerical order in the Book of Ordinances of the City.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of said City of Columbia, Illinois, hereunto, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2024.

  
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**DEREK REICHERT**, City Clerk,  
City of Columbia, Illinois

(SEAL)



**RECEIPT  
OF  
MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS CLERK  
FOR  
CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS ORDINANCE NO. 3687  
ENACTED DECEMBER 2, 2024**

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt for filing the above-mentioned City of Columbia, Illinois Ordinance No. 3687 which abates the 2024 Ad Valorem Real Estate Taxes scheduled for collection in 2025 in the sum of \$65,588 pursuant to Ordinance No. 3502 of the City directing the issuance of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) General Obligation Bonds (Video Gaming Receipts Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020 of the City and agrees that said taxes will not be extended by the Monroe County, Illinois County Clerk.

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**JONATHAN McLEAN, Clerk of the  
County of Monroe, State of Illinois**

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_**  
Deputy Clerk of Monroe County,  
State of Illinois

(SEAL)

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECEIPT  
OF  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS CLERK  
FOR  
CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS ORDINANCE NO. 3687  
ENACTED DECEMBER 2, 2024**

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**THOMAS HOLBROOK, Clerk of the  
County of St. Clair, State of Illinois**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of St. Clair County,  
State of Illinois

(SEAL)

Received: \_\_\_\_\_