



Special Service Area #1

Abatement Refund Application Information

The Village of Oak Park intended to abate a portion of the property tax levy associated with Special Service Area #1. Due to a filing error, the abatement was not applied. As an alternative, the Village is accepting applications for refunds. Affected taxpayers must have paid taxes for the parcel in the SSA and be able to demonstrate that they paid the relevant taxes.

Copies of the taxpayer's proof of payment should accompany all refund applications.

Accepted forms of proof of payment include:

- Duplicate copy of tax bill which shows that the payments have been made and no outstanding balance is due.

If you paid by cash

- A photocopy of your teller receipt for the tax year and installment where the payment occurred.

If you paid by personal check or business check

- A photocopy of the front of the canceled check(s) used to pay the taxes for the tax year and installment where the payment occurred.

If you paid by cashier's check or money order

- A photocopy of the customer receipt, or the front of the check or money order for the tax year and installment where the payment occurred.

Note: If you cannot locate a copy of the canceled check(s) used to pay taxes, you may submit a copy of the monthly bank statement that shows the corresponding check number and amount of payment.

If you paid by online payment at www.cookcountytreasurer.com

- Your bank statement indicating the successful transfer of funds to the Cook County Treasurer's Office for the tax year and installment where the payment occurred.

If you paid through your mortgage company, bank or title company

- A statement or letter from the company indicating: (1) Property Index Number, (2) taxpayer's name, (3) taxpayer's address, (4) amount(s) paid, and (5) date(s) of payment(s).

Helpful taxpayer tip: One shortcut for proof of a mortgage company payment is to use a copy of your IRS Form 1098. This record, which most taxpayers keep with their income-tax files, is the form that the mortgage company sends to report the interest you paid and the taxes the company paid on your behalf. This is especially useful if you refinanced, your loan was sold, or the mortgage company for a past tax year cannot be contacted. Be sure to submit the correct calendar year copy of the IRS Form 1098 record. (For example, the 2001 property taxes were due in calendar year 2002. As such, your 2002 IRS 1098 form would be your proof of payment for the 2001 property taxes in most cases.)

If you paid multiple parcels with one check

- For each refund requested, a list of the PINs paid with that check must be provided with a copy of the front of the check for the installment where the payment occurred.
- Additional forms of proof of payment include:
 - Copy of the paid tax sale redemption bill;
 - Copy of the real estate sale "closing statement" along with a copy of the front of the title company's check;
- If a TAX BUYER is applying for the refund, the buyer seeking the refund must provide original validated receipt and letter of deletion from County Clerk's Office.

Deadline to apply for refund is December 31, 2013



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2006 taxes (paid in 2007)

Property Index Number (PIN)

Amount Paid for 2006 Tax Year

Taxpayer Record

In Care of

Mailing Address

City

State

ZIP

Daytime Phone

Alternate Phone

Fax

E-mail Address

I hereby certify under penalty of law that I am the taxpayer of record for the property identified by the above-stated PIN, that all taxes for the 2006 tax year (paid in 2007) for the above-stated PIN have been paid, and I am legally and equitably entitled to the refund claimed hereby; that I have not previously received all or any part of a refund from the Office of the Cook County Treasurer or any other party for the same year, Property Index Number and reason; and that if I am not so entitled, I will indemnify and hold the Village of Oak Park harmless from any and all adverse claims to such refund, including costs and attorney's fees.

I understand that my refund from the Village of Oak Park is based on my tax liability as determined by Cook County. In the future, should I receive a tax refund from Cook County through either a Certificate of Error or an appeal from the Property Tax Appeal Board, this revised tax liability would render the refund I am getting from the Village of Oak Park too high. Accordingly, in the event of any revised tax liability determined by Cook County, I agree that the amount of my refund from the Village of Oak Park will be recalculated and that I will reimburse to the Village for any portion of the paid refund that, in light of the revised tax liability from Cook County exceeds the refund amount to which I am entitled.

Signature

Date

Attach any and all proof of payment available, such as:

- Duplicate copy of tax bill which shows that the payments have been made and no outstanding balance is due.
- Copy of the front side of the canceled check(s) used to pay the taxes for the tax year in question. You need to submit only the copy of the check(s) for the installment that has an overpayment or multiple payments.
- Copies of the teller receipt or receipted tax bill(s) if paid in cash for the tax year and installment in question.
- A letter from any mortgage company, title company or other third party who submitted payment that includes the following: (1) Property Index Number, (2) taxpayer's name, (3) amount(s) paid, and (4) date(s) of payment(s).
- A copy of your IRS Form 1098 for the corresponding calendar year will be acceptable.

Mail this completed application (with proof of payment attached) to:

**Village of Oak Park
Attn: Finance Dept./ SSA REFUND
123 Madison, Oak Park, IL 60302**

For Office Use Only

Received by

Reviewed by

Approved by

Incomplete applications or those with insufficient proof of payment may be returned. Additional information on proof of payment can be found at www.oak-park.us, or e-mail SSArebate2008@oak-park.us. If an application is submitted without additional proof of payment and the Finance Director is nevertheless able to confirm from the County's web site that taxes relative to the subject property index number have been paid, the refund shall be made to the taxpayer of record.



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