



## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Hitesh Desai, Chief Financial Officer  
CC: Kate Lewis-Lakin, Budget Coordinator  
Subject: Ordinance 137-O-19, General Assistance 2019 Tax Levy  
Date: November 25, 2019

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### Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council adoption of Tax Levy Ordinance 137-O-19, which levies the annual property tax for General Assistance in the amount of \$1,113,402 as extended (including 3% loss factor). This represents an increase of 21.2% over the 2018 levy of \$918,367 as extended.

### Council Action:

For Action

### Summary:

Ordinance 137-O-19 is the annual tax levy for the General Assistance Fund. The proposed 2019 net levy for General Assistance is \$1,080,000. This is an increase of \$180,000 or 20% over the 2018 net levy of \$900,000.

Adding the 3% loss factor, the proposed 2019 gross levy for General Assistance is \$1,113,402. This is an increase of \$195,035 or 21.2% over the 2018 gross levy of \$918,367.

Questions regarding this ordinance may be forwarded to:

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### Attachments:

[Ordinance 137-O-19 2019 General Assistance Tax Levy](#)  
[Ordinance 137-O-19 Exhibit General Assistance](#)

**137-O-19**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**Levying Taxes for the General Assistance Fund  
in the City of Evanston, County of Cook,  
and State of Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Beginning  
January 1, 2020 and Ending December 31, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Evanston, Illinois, has heretofore adopted an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020, which said Budget document was reviewed at a public hearing and copies of which said Budget document have been continuously available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Evanston at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays; and

**WHEREAS**, said Budget document contains the expenditures to be made with the monies collected through taxation and other sources during said fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Evanston, Illinois, is a Home Rule unit of local government pursuant to the terms and provisions of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, which said Constitution, in Section 6(a) thereof, grants unto the City of Evanston as a Home Rule unit of local government the power to tax;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

**SECTION 1:** That, in order to meet expenses and liabilities for the General Assistance Fund of the City of Evanston, Illinois, for the current fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020, there is hereby levied on all real property subject to taxation

within the corporate limits of said City of Evanston as assessed and equalized for the year 2019 the sum of One Million, One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred and Two dollars (\$1,113,402), being the total of the budget legally made plus allowances for allowable collection losses (3%), which are to be collected from the tax levy of the City of Evanston for the year 2019 for General Assistance Fund Purposes appropriated and specifically referred to in the FY 2020 proposed Budget. The specific amounts hereby levied for the General Assistance Fund purposes is designated by being placed in separate column under the heading "To Be Raised By Taxation," and is identified in that manner on the following pages of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2:** That there be appropriated for the City of Evanston: The sum of One Million, One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred and Two dollars (\$1,113,402), for the General Assistance Fund Purposes, as outlined in the City of Evanston Tax Levy Filing with Cook County FY20 Budget – Tax Levy Year 2019 to be Received in FY20, attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 3:** That the foregoing recitals are found as fact and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 4:** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5:** That this Ordinance 137-O-19 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019    Approved:

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

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Devon Reid, City Clerk

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Michelle Masoncup, Corporation Counsel

# 137-O-19 Exhibit 1

	FY2020 Budget	Sources Outside Levy	2019 Tax Levy
<b>175 GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND</b>			
61010 - REGULAR PAY	335,775	235,848	99,927
61110 - OVERTIME PAY	1,500		1,500
61510 - HEALTH INSURANCE	50,130		50,130
61615 - LIFE INSURANCE	196		196
61625 - AUTO ALLOWANCE	250		250
61630 - SHOE ALLOWANCE	540		540
61710 - IMRF	29,347		29,347
61725 - SOCIAL SECURITY	20,256		20,256
61730 - MEDICARE	4,872		4,872
62275 - POSTAGE CHARGEBACKS	800		800
62295 - TRAINING & TRAVEL	2,500		2,500
62360 - MEMBERSHIP DUES	300		300
62380 - COPY MACHINE CHARGES	500		500
62490 - OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	7,000		7,000
62705 - BANK SERVICE CHARGES	2,050		2,050
64566 - RENTAL EXPENSE- GA CLIENT	450,000		450,000
64567 - PERSONAL EXPENSE- GA CLIENT	336,000		336,000
64568 - TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE- GA CLIENT	5,000		5,000
64569 - 50/50 WORK PROGRAM- GA CLIENT	1,500		1,500
64570 - CLIENT OTHER NEEDS- GA CLIENT	1,000		1,000
64573 - ALL OTHER PHYSICIANS- GA CLIENT	500		500
64574 - MEDICAL EXPENSES - GA CLIENT	300		300
64578 - PSYCH OUTPATIENT/MENTAL- GA CLIENT	800		800
64582 - MORTGAGE/RENTAL EXPENSE-EAS CLIENT	30,000		30,000
64584 - FOOD VOUCHERS - EMERGENCY-EAS CLIENT	1,000		1,000
64585 - UTILITIES - COMED-EAS CLIENT	15,000		15,000
64586 - UTILITIES - NICOR-EAS CLIENT	8,000		8,000
64587 - UTILITIES - COE WATER -EAS CLIENT	5,000		5,000
64588 - CLIENT OTHER NEEDS - EAS CLIENT	1,500		1,500
65025 - FOOD	1,000		1,000
65095 - OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,232		3,232
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,315,848</b>	<b>235,848</b>	<b>1,080,000</b>
Total to be Levied	1,113,402		
Loss Factor	33,402		
Amount to be raised by taxes	1,080,000		