

CITY UTILITY USERS TAX ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 100 of 1990

141.1152 Uniform city utility users tax ordinance; contract with lighting authority; adoption; rescission; amendment; notice; report; placement of revenue in police department budget; payment to lighting authority; "police officer" and "lighting authority" defined.

Sec. 2. (1) The governing body of a city having a population of 600,000 or more, by a lawfully adopted ordinance that incorporates by reference the uniform city utility users tax ordinance set forth in chapter 2, may levy, assess, and collect from those users in that city a utility users tax as provided in the ordinance. However, a uniform city utility users tax ordinance containing substantially the same provisions provided for in chapter 2 adopted by the governing body of a city before June 13, 1990 that has not been rescinded by that governing body is considered an ordinance adopted under this act and a tax imposed and collected under that ordinance is revived. The governing body shall set the rate of tax in increments of 1/4 of 1% that shall not exceed 5%. If a city currently eligible to levy a tax under this act enters into a contract with a lighting authority, in which it pledges revenues from the taxes levied under this act, the city is authorized to levy the tax under this act until all related outstanding bonds of the lighting authority have been paid notwithstanding the population of that city.

(2) A uniform city utility users tax ordinance may be lawfully adopted or unless revenues have been otherwise pledged rescinded by the governing body at any time and its adoption shall become effective on the first day of any month, following adoption of the ordinance, as specified in the ordinance. The ordinance may be rescinded at any time by the governing body in the same manner in which the ordinance was adopted and with appropriate enforcement, collection, and refund provisions with respect to liabilities incurred before the effective date of its rescission. The ordinance shall not be amended except as provided by the legislature. A village and a city under 600,000 population shall not impose and collect a utility users tax except as otherwise provided in subsection (1). A city that adopts or rescinds the tax shall notify within 7 days by certified mail all public utilities or resale customers affected by the action of the governing body. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a city now having or that may attain a population of 600,000 or more shall not impose a utility users tax except by adopting the entire uniform city utility users tax ordinance as set forth in chapter 2.

(3) The administrator, as that term is defined in chapter 2, of the tax shall file a report indicating the total amount of revenue collected in the prior fiscal year with the state revenue commissioner by August 1 of each year, beginning on August 1, 1985. The administrator shall make the report available to the public at the same time.

(4) Unless revenues have been otherwise pledged to pay bonds issued by a lighting authority, the revenue generated from this tax shall be placed directly in the budget of the police department of a city described in this act and shall be used exclusively to retain or hire police officers.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (4) or any ordinance of a city to the contrary, a city that forms a lighting authority shall pay \$12,500,000.00 annually to that lighting authority from the proceeds of the tax authorized under this act. If the lighting authority issues bonds pursuant to a contract with the city under this act and pledges revenues from taxes levied under this act, those revenues shall be deposited and used as provided in this act. After a contract described in this subsection is entered into, the trustee, after setting aside funds as required by the trust indenture, shall pay to the lighting authority \$12,500,000.00, less the amount set aside. The trust indenture shall provide that the remaining revenues be returned to the city. Nothing in this subsection shall obligate a city or trustee to remit to the lighting authority more than is collected from taxes levied under this act.

(6) As used in this section, "police officer" means a police officer, investigator, or police sergeant.

(7) As used in this act, "lighting authority" means a lighting authority created under the municipal lighting authority act.

History: 1990, Act 100, Imd. Eff. June 13, 1990;—Am. 1998, Act 548, Imd. Eff. Jan. 20, 1999;—Am. 2005, Act 197, Imd. Eff. Nov. 9, 2005;—Am. 2011, Act 57, Eff. Jan. 1, 2011;—Am. 2012, Act 393, Imd. Eff. Dec. 19, 2012.

Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 57 of 2011 provides:

"Enacting section 1. This amendatory act is retroactive and takes effect January 1, 2011."