

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 36

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR CITY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-42
REALLOCATING PROCEEDS FROM THE MT. VERNON HOME RULE
MUNICIPAL RETAILERS' AND SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX**

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois (the "City") is an Illinois Home Rule Municipal Corporation, duly existing and operating under the laws of the State of Illinois, and embodied as a Home Rule entity with certain rights and powers pursuant to the Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6, and hereby makes an express declaration as to the use of its Home Rule Authority in the enacting and adopting of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, City previously adopted Ordinance 2017-42, wherein City imposed a home rule sales tax and dedicated for among other things, Public Utility Department Capital construction projects; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of Ordinance 2017-42, City has made significant improvements to then pending Public Utility Department Capital construction projects, allowing City to reallocate the proceeds of the previously adopted Municipal Retailers' and Service Occupation Tax.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO THE HOME RULE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 - RECITALS: The above recitals are true and material and are adopted herein as express findings of legislative fact, intent, and discretion of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

SECTION 2 - AMENDMENT: The fourth paragraph of Section Two of Ordinance 2017-42 shall hereafter be amended to read as follows:

"All proceeds from the imposition of the one percent (1%) increase in the Mt. Vernon Home Rule Municipal Retailers' and Service Occupation Tax enacted by Ordinance 2017-42 shall be deposited into and maintained as a separate dedicated fund to be expended solely for (i) expenses incurred for Capital construction projects, (ii) expenses incurred for Capital equipment purchases for all City Departments, (iii) expenses incurred for Capital expenditures for road construction or road maintenance, (iv) early retirement of existing indebtedness, with priority to payment of debt with the highest interest rate, and (v) nuisance abatement expenditures, including demolition of dangerous and dilapidated structures."

SECTION 3 - SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS: Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Ordinance is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

SECTION 4 - CONFLICTING ORDINANCES: Any conflicting ordinances, code provisions or pertinent portions thereof in effect at the time this Ordinance takes effect are hereby repealed. However, no other portion of Ordinance Number 2017-42 not expressly modified herein shall be deemed to be amended to repealed.

SECTION 5 - AUTHORITY: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an express exercise of the City's home rule authority pursuant to Illinois law.

SECTION 6 - EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, on the 15th day of December 2025.

Rebecca Barbour
City Clerk – Rebecca Barbour

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	CONFLICT
Gliosci	X				
Moore	X				
Tate				X	
Young	X				
Lewis	X				

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois on the 16th day of December 2025

APPROVED: John Lewis
Mayor - John Lewis

ATTEST: Rebecca Barbour
City Clerk – Rebecca Barbour

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