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**Missed deadline results in delay in implementation of  
public safety tax increase in Stark County**

Stark County Clerk & Recorder Linda K. Pyell has notified the Stark County Board that her office missed the May 1, 2018, deadline to implement the increase in the public safety tax approved by voters in the primary election on March 20, 2018.

On March 20, 2018, the voters of Stark County overwhelmingly passed an increase of the current public safety tax from 0.50% to 1.25%.

On April 16, 2010, the Stark County Board passed an Ordinance which directed the Illinois Department of Revenue to collect the public safety tax approved by the electorate on February 2, 2010. A similar ordinance was not tendered to the County Board following the March 20, 2018, election.

An Ordinance to authorize the Illinois Department of Revenue to collect the sales tax increase will be presented to the Stark County Board during their regular meeting of Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

Following the regular meeting of August 14, 2018, a certified copy of the Ordinance and election results authorizing the public safety tax increase will be forwarded to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Implementation of the 1.25% public safety tax will begin January 1, 2019.

It is estimated the six month delay will result in a loss of revenue of over \$30,000 for public safety in Stark County.

Since its inception in 2010, the public safety tax has provided \$1,057,927.69 in revenue to Stark County.