

Mark Sheldon
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK

Ordinance No. 2007-3

ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING PROPERTY TAX FOR
MAHOMET PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN
STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2007 AND ENDING
THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2008

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Mahomet Public Library District, in the County of Champaign and State of Illinois, did on the 13th day of August, 2007 pass the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2007-2) for said Library District for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, and

WHEREAS, said Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was duly published as provided by law after its passage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAHOMET PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1: That the total sum of FOUR-HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$408,000) composed as follows:

A. The sum of THREE-HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$339,500), being the amount deemed required for the necessary **corporate** purposes of Mahomet Public Library District, Champaign County, Illinois:

	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	<u>Amount Paid From Sources Other Than Taxation</u>	<u>Amount Levied</u>
Salaries:			
a. Librarian	\$55,000	4,000	51,000
b. Library Assistants	121,000	5,000	116,000
c. Benefits	5,000	2,900	2,100

Library Materials:			
a. Books	43,000	1,000	42,000
b. Periodicals	6,000	900	5,100
c. Audio visual	16,000	1,000	15,000
Utilities	13,000	300	12,700
Technology	1,500	100	1,400
Postage	5,000	500	4,500
Staff & Board Develop.	3,500	100	3,400
Library Supplies	11,500	400	11,100
Public Rels. & Publicity	5,500	-0-	5,500
Contractual services:			
a. Bookkeeper	6,000	100	5,900
b. Legal notice publish	700	-0-	700
c. Consultants	15,000	300	14,700
Automation & cataloging	19,500	100	19,400
Contingency	29,000	0	29,000
TOTALS:	\$356,200	16,700	339,500 ✓

B. The sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000), being required for the payment of employer contributions of Mahomet Public Library District to the **Social Security Fund**:

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	Amount Paid From Sources Other Than <u>Taxation</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Levied</u>
Employer Contributions to Social Security/Medicare	\$16,000	\$11,000	\$5,000 ✓

C. The sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,000), being required for the payment of employer contributions of Mahomet Public Library District to the **Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund**:

	<u>Amount</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	Amount Paid From Sources Other Than <u>Taxation</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Levied</u>
Employer Contributions to Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	\$23,000	\$9,000	\$14,000 ✓

D. The sum of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,500), being required for the payment of the professional opinion of an accountant and other auditing expenses from an **Audit Fund**:

	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	Amount Paid From Sources Other Than <u>Taxation</u>	Amount <u>Levied</u>
Contractual Service- Audit, Costs of Prep. of Audit	\$7,500	\$1,000	\$6,500 ✓

E. The sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000), for the purpose of payments of premiums due for the purchase of liability insurance, workers' compensation and unemployment insurance, property damage (fire) insurance and legal fees for defending or otherwise protecting itself against liability from a **Liability Fund**:

	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	Amount Paid From Sources Other Than <u>Taxation</u>	Amount <u>Levied</u>
Insurance premiums	4,800	3,800	1,000
Worker's Comp	1,500	1,200	300
Treasurer's Bond	1,500	1,000	500
Risk Mgmt/Loss	9,000	8,000	1,000
Legal fees	6,000	4,300	1,700
Security	1,500	1,100	400
Self-insurance reserve fund	<u>8,000</u>	<u>7,900</u>	<u>100</u>
[76 ILCS 16/30-55.85]			
TOTALS:	\$32,300	27,300	\$5,000 ✓

F. The sum of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$38,000), being required for the maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment from a **Maintenance Fund**:

	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>	Amount Paid From Sources Other Than <u>Taxation</u>	Amount <u>Levied</u>
Bldg./Maintenance Costs			
a. Technology Maint.	15,000	3,000	12,000
b. Clean, Lawn, Pest Cntrl	8,000	5,000	3,000
c. Tech. Equipt./Repair	8,500	1,000	7,500
d. Building Repairs	6,500	600	5,900
e. Copier Rental	4,500	400	4,100
f. Furniture & Equip.	<u>6,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>5,500</u>
TOTALS:	\$48,500	10,500	\$38,000 ✓

The same is hereby levied and assessed upon and against all taxable property within this Library District according to the full fair value as established and ascertained for State and County purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 and the Board of Trustees of the Mahomet Public Library District having on the 13th day of August, 2007 duly passed and adopted the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 and said Ordinance having been duly published in a newspaper of general circulation within this Public Library District, this Board finds that the specific purposes and the specific amounts provided for in said Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, are required to be levied for the necessary purposes of the Mahomet Public Library District.

RECAPITULATION:

General Fund	\$339,500
Social Security	5,000
IL Municipal Ret. Fund	14,000
Audit Fund	6,500
Ins. & Liability Fund	5,000
Maintenance Fund	<u>38,000</u>
TOTAL LEVY	408,000

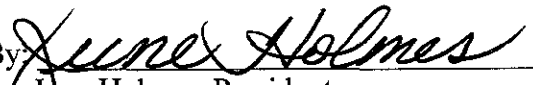
Section 2: The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Mahomet Public Library District is hereby directed to file a duly certified copy of this Ordinance with the County Clerk of Champaign County, Illinois, in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, on or before the last Tuesday of December 2007 and said County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to extend the said tax so levied by this Ordinance, according to law, against all taxable property within the Mahomet Public Library District. The Secretary of Mahomet Public Library District shall also file on or before the last Tuesday

of December 2007, duly certified copies of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and this ordinance with the Mahomet Public Library where they shall be available for public inspection as provided by law.

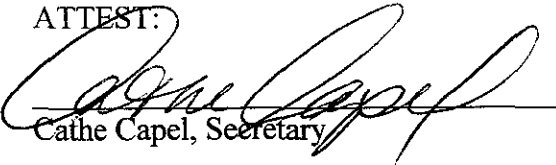
Section 3: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Mahomet Public Library District and approved by the President thereof this 10th day of September 2007.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MAHOMET
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

By 
June Holmes, President

ATTEST:


Cathie Capel, Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN)

CERTIFICATE OF LEVY

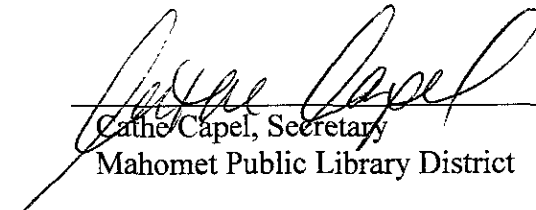
I, Cathe Capel, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified and now acting Secretary of the Mahomet Public Library District in the County of Champaign and State of Illinois; that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Tax Levy Ordinance No. 2007-3 as passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at our meeting held on the 10th day of September, 2007; and that said Ordinance was duly passed by ye and nay vote thereon with at least a majority of all the Board of Trustees having voted ye on the adoption and passage thereof.

I further certify that annexed hereto as a part of said Tax Levy Ordinance No. 2007-3 is a correct copy of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No 2007-2 as passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at a meeting thereof held on the 13th day of August, 2007; that said Ordinance was duly passed by ye and nay vote thereon with at least a majority of all the Board of Trustees having voted ye on the adoption and passage thereof; and that thereafter said Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was printed and published in the Mahomet Citizen, a public secular newspaper with general circulation in said Library District.

I further certify that the Mahomet Public Library District requires the sum of \$408,000 as is more fully shown in said Tax Levy Ordinance No. 2007-3 and the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance to be levied on the taxable property in said District for the year 2007-2008.

I further certify that said Ordinances have not been amended or repealed but remain in full force and effect at this time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Mahomet Public Library District, at Mahomet, Illinois, this 10th day of September, 2007.



Cathe Capel, Secretary
Mahomet Public Library District

TRUTH IN TAXATION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the presiding officer of Mahomet Public Library District, (Legal Name of Taxing District), and as such presiding officer I certify that the levy ordinance, a copy of which is attached, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with the provisions of Section 18-60 through 18-85 of the "Truth in Taxation" law.

Check One of the Choices Below:

- 1) The taxing district published a notice in the newspaper and conducted a hearing meeting the requirements of the "Truth in Taxation Law."
- 2) The taxing district's aggregate levy did not exceed a 5% increase over the prior year's extension. Therefore, a notice and a hearing were not necessary.
- 3) The *proposed* aggregate levy did not exceed a 5% increase over the prior year's extension. Therefore, a hearing was not held. The *adopted* aggregate tax levy exceeded 5% of the prior year's extension and a notice was published within 15 days of its adoption in accordance with the "Truth in Taxation Law."
- 4) The adopted levy exceeded the amount stated in the published notice. A second notice was published within 15 days of the adoption in accordance with the "Truth in Taxation Law."

Date 9-10-07

Presiding Officer

June Holmer

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SEP 25 2007

Mark Sheldon
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK

SUMMARY SHEET OF
2007 TAX LEVY PAYABLE IN 2008

RATE LIMIT	FUND	LEVY AMOUNT
.6000	1 GENERAL	<u>339,500</u> ✓
	4 BUILD & MAIN	<u>38,000</u> ✓
	5 IMRF	<u>14,000</u> ✓
.0050	27 AUDIT	<u>6,500</u> ✓
	35 LIABILITY INS	<u>5,000</u> ✓
	47 SOCIAL SECURITY	<u>5,000</u> ✓
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Mark Sheldon
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK

**Certificate of Publication in
MAHOMET CITIZEN**

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN } SS.

THE NEWS-GAZETTE INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, dba, THE MAHOMET CITIZEN hereby certifies that said corporation is the publisher of the MAHOMET CITIZEN, a secular newspaper of general circulation which has been regularly printed and published weekly in the English language in said County and State, for more than six months prior to the first publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned; and that a notice of which the annexed notice is a true copy has been regularly published in said newspaper 1 time once each week for 1 successive weeks; that the first publication thereof was on the 29 day of August 2007; and the last publication thereof was on the 29 day of August 2007; that said notice was printed in each and every copy and impression thereof of the regular weekly issues of said newspaper printed on each of said dates for general circulation and distribution and generally circulated and distributed to all its subscribers and to the general public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said NEWS-GAZETTE, INC., publisher as aforesaid, has caused its corporate name to be hereunto executed by its Secretary, or its Manager, this 24 day of September 2007.

THE MAHOMET CITIZEN

By

Its

Veru [Signature]
Regal Clerk

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR MAHOMET PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Mahomet Public Library District for 2007 will be held on September 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library, 512 E. Main St., Mahomet, Illinois.
Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Lynn Schmit, Director, 512 E. Main Street, Mahomet, Illinois (217) 586-2611.
- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2006 were \$372,548.77.
The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2007 are \$408,000. This represents a 9.5% increase over the previous year.
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2006 were \$0.
The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2007 are \$0. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.
- IV. The total property taxes extended for 2006 were \$372,548.77.
The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2007 are \$408,000. This represents a 9.5% increase over the previous year.



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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-1

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A MUNICIPAL
TAX FOR MAHOMET PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY
OF CHAMPAIGN, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Mahomet Public Library District of the County of Champaign and State of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purpose, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such additional tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the ordinance, it shall be published in the Mahomet Citizen, a newspaper of general circulation in the Mahomet Public Library District and is effective immediately upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Mahomet, Illinois this 9th day of July 2007.

Posted: July 9, 2007

June Holmes
June Holmes, President
Library Board of Trustees
Mahomet Public Library District

ATTEST:

Cathe Capel
Cathe Capel, Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE OF
ORDINANCE NO. 2007-1

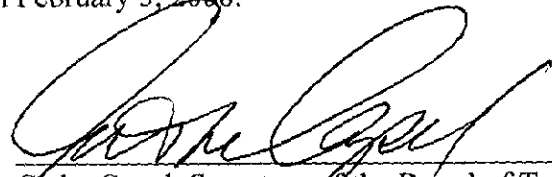
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Mahomet, Illinois this 9th day of July, 2007.

1. The specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of adoption of the resolution be submitted to the electors of the District is 768.
2. The petition must be filed on or before August 17, 2007.
3. The referendum would be held on February 5, 2008.



Cathie Capel, Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of Mahomet Public Library District

c/o Mahomet Public Library District
512 E. Main St., PO Box 829
Mahomet, Illinois 61853-0829

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION
IN
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07/18/2007

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-1

Said publisher further certifies that the date of the first paper containing the said notice was on the first date hereinabove set forth and that the date of the last paper continuing the said notice was on the last date hereinabove set forth.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To Whom It May Concern: Public notice is hereby given to all persons that the Village of Mahomet Plan and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 7, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Village of Mahomet Administrative Office, 503 East Main Street, Mahomet, Illinois, regarding proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Mahomet. The proposed text amendments will create a new Commercial Outdoor Recreation use. The proposed new use would be a Conditional Use in the C-2 General Commercial District and a Permissive Use in the I-2 General Industrial District. A draft of the proposed text amendments and further information concerning the proposed amendments are available for examination at the Village of Mahomet Administrative Office, 503 East Main Street, Mahomet, Illinois and may be reviewed during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing. Those attending the public hearing will be given the opportunity to offer evidence and be heard. Persons filing written communications for considera-

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ation by the Plan and Zoning Commission should present them at the Village Administrative Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the public hearing.

Cheryl Sproul
Village Clerk
Village of Mahomet
July 13, 2007

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Monday, June 25, 2007 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Champaign County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as Life&QI. Located at: 1005 Beaver Creek Ln., Mahomet, IL 61853.

Mark Sheldon,
County Clerk

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The subject real estate is a parcel located at 1504 East Patton Drive, Mahomet, Illinois, and is part of Sections

PUBLIC NOTICES

14 and 23, Township 7 North, Range 20 East, of the Third Principal Meridian, Champaign County. The parcel is legally described as follows:

LOT 435 OF CONWAY FARM SUBDIVISION COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, SITUATED IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The petition for the Conditional Use is on file at the Village of Mahomet Administrative Office, 503 East Main Street, and may be examined during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing. Those attending the public hearing will be given the opportunity to offer evidence and be heard. Persons filing written communications for consideration by the Board of Appeals should present them at the Village Administrative Office no later than 4:30 on the day of the public hearing.

Cheryl Sproul
Village Clerk
Village of Mahomet
July 12, 2007

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The petitioner requests a zoning change from the Champaign County AG-1 Agricultural Zoning District to the Village of Mahomet AC Conservation Zoning District for the property.

Following this public hearing, a second public hearing will be held relative to a request from Shady Rest Materials, LLC, as Contract Purchasers of said property, for the granting of a Conditional Use Permit to establish a sand and gravel mining operation as a conditional use on this property. Said request for a Conditional Use Permit is also contingent upon subject property being rezoned to the Village of Mahomet AC Conservation Zoning District upon annexation.

The tract upon which the zoning amendment and Conditional Use Permit have been requested is described legally as follows:

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, EXCEPT for that part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian lying West of the Northeastly and Southwestly public road, in Champaign County, Illinois; and

That part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, lying East of the Northeastly and Southwestly Public Road, in Champaign County, Illinois

The petition for the zoning amendment and petition for the establishment of the conditional use are on file at the Village of Mahomet Administrative Office, 503 East Main Street, Mahomet, Illinois and may be examined during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearings. Those attending the public hearings will be given the opportunity to offer evidence and be heard. Persons filing written communications for consideration by the Plan and Zoning Commission should present them at the Village Administrative Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the public hearing.

Cheryl Sproul
Village Clerk
Village of Mahomet

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Board discusses homework

By **MICHELLE ROBBINS**
Citizen Editor

Despite it being summer, the Mahomet-Seymour school board spent much of its meeting Monday night discussing homework.

Back in May, two parents of fifth graders, Lana Malaise and Christy Madura, approached the school board about implementing a homework policy. At that time both parents told the school board that their fifth graders were receiving an excessive amount of homework and that a homework policy should be developed.

At their meeting Monday night, the school board was scheduled to approve the handbooks and both Malaise and Madura again presented their homework policy.

"I do not feel the homework changes made in the homework section addresses at all the problem we encountered this year with excessive homework," Madura said. "We feel the homework topic at Lincoln Trail is being swept under the rug."

Madura went on to ask that just one sentence be added to this year's homework section in the Lincoln Trail handbook. The sentence, which Madura said is already in the junior high handbook would state "We do not feel excessive homework is desirable or productive but a short period of study at home under the right conditions is not harmful or undesirable."

"I think this sentence would have been given me more of a voice," Madura said. "Anytime I brought it (excessive homework) up to the teacher, the principal or the superintendent I was always told it was my daughter. I don't feel like I am asking much (to add one sentence) since it is already embraced by the district."

Former Lincoln Trail principal and current assistant superintendent Laura Cresap said both Malaise and Madura presented their ideas to the Lincoln Trail handbook committee during their meeting last month.

"They brought up good points and some changes were made because of that," Cresap said. "We just don't want to add to many rules because seven years ago the policy was made more general because there were too many rules."

In the end, the board voted unanimously to ask the Lincoln Trail handbook committee to investigate whether the sentence talking about excessive homework should be added to the handbook. The committee will come back to the board with a recommendation.

Malaise said she is pleased with the outcome.

"We were desperate to have some kind of change made. We thought this one last sentence would do something to make it better," Malaise said. "If they don't put it in, I won't be satisfied."

The school board also received a briefing on extracurricular activities.

"Programs have stayed nice and consistent," said junior high athletic director Petrece Klein.

Greené was concerned about the drop in participation in the junior high speech club. In 2002-03, 37 students participated. Last school year, only 10 students took part in that club.

"There are a lot of activities for these kids to choose from but kids involved in this usually aren't involved in any other extras or sports," Klein said.

At the high school, athletic director Matt Hensley said the numbers are also pretty consistent.

This year, however, intramural participation at the high school doubled.

"It helped that we added girls. People that run that program are making it more popular also."

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