



City of Rochelle
City Clerk's Office

Memo

To: David Plyman, City Manager

From: Bruce W. McKinney, City Clerk

Date March 4, 2014

Re: Simplified Telecommunication Tax

Any Municipality with a population of less than 500,000 which attempts to impose, amend or repeal the Simplified Municipal Telecommunication tax must file a certified copy of such ordinance with the Illinois Department of Revenue prior to March 20, or September 20. Ordinances received prior to March 20 will be collected on or after the following July 1. Ordinances received prior to September 20 will be collected on or after the following January 1. 35 ILCS 636/5-20.

City Council passed Ordinance 07-3604 on September 10, 2007 to increase the Simplified Municipal Telecommunication Tax from 3% to 5% giving the overall rate including the State Telecommunication Excise Tax rate at 12%. The state collects 7%. An additional 1% increase would give the city an additional average of \$6,500 a month or \$75,000 a year. I calculated my personal Verizon Bill which I have 3 cell phones. Each phone has an Illinois State Telecommunication Excise Tax of \$2.73. If there is a 1% additional increase, I would only be paying an additional \$1.64 a month.

A public hearing is not required to pass this ordinance.

Telecommunication Rate Comparisons

Telecommunications Tax Rate including State's 7%

Rochelle	12.0%
Machesney Park	13.0%
Cherry Valley	13.0%
Naperville	12.0%
Mascoutah	13.0%
Minooka	13.0%
Mahomet	13.0%
Kewanee	13.0%
Danville	13.0%
Troy	13.0%
Rock Falls	13.0%
Sterling	12.0%
Rockford	13.0 %
Polo	13.0%
Oregon	11.0%
DeKalb	13.0%
Davis Junction	13.0%
Byron	13.0%
La Salle	13.0%
Aurora	13.0%
Peoria	13.0%
Princeton	13.0%
Leaf River	12.75%
South Beloit	13.0%
Elgin	13.0%
Schaumburg	13.0%

I tried to pick communities that are in Ogle County or larger municipalities that a company may want to change to if we increased our tax.