

AN ACT concerning special assessments.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by adding Section 9-2-4.5 as follows:

(65 ILCS 5/9-2-4.5 new)

Sec. 9-2-4.5. Special assessment for payment of costs associated with certain ordinance violations.

(a) For purposes of this Section, "Code" means any municipal ordinance that requires, after notice, the cutting of grass and weeds, the removal of garbage and debris, the removal of inoperable motor vehicles, and rodent and vermin abatement.

(b) In addition to any other method authorized by law, if (i) a property owner is cited with a Code violation, (ii) non-compliance is found upon reinspection of the property after the due date for compliance with an order to correct the Code violation or with an order for abatement, (iii) costs for services rendered by the municipality to correct the Code violation remain unpaid at the point in time that they would become a debt due and owing the municipality, as provided in Division 31.1 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and (iv) a lien has been filed of record by the municipality in the office of the recorder in the county in which the property is located, then those costs may be collected as a special assessment on the property under this Division. Upon payment of the costs by the owner of record or persons interested in the property, the lien shall be released by the municipality and the release shall be filed of record in the same manner as the filing of notice of the lien.