Cook County Sweetened Beverage Tax
What You Need To Know

What’s Included?
- Regular and diet soda
- Sports drinks
- Premixed sweetened coffees and teas
- Energy drinks
- Fruit drinks

What’s Not Included?
- Made-to-order drinks like fresh coffee and tea
- Unsweetened flavored water or seltzers
- Meal replacements, formulas, medical, and nutritional drinks
- Drinks made of 50% or more regular milk, rice milk, and milk substitutes

Who Pays the Tax?
The consumer who purchases the sweetened beverage will pay a one cent per ounce tax.

Where Does the Revenue Go?
- Opening new lifestyle centers in the South and West Side communities
- Career training and development programs for teenagers and young adults
- Community health and wellness initiatives
- Doctors, nurses and others providing health care to Cook County residents
- Prosecutors, public defenders, and public safety officers in the County public safety system

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