

CHAPTER 22

MANDATED POLICIES

ARTICLE I – IDENTITY THEFT

22-1-1 **PROGRAM ADOPTION.** The Village developed this Identity Theft Prevention Program pursuant to the Federal Trade Commission’s Red Flags Rule, which implements Section 114 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions of 2003. 16 C.F.R. § 681.2. This Program was developed with oversight and approval of the Village. After consideration of the size and complexity of the Utility’s operations and account systems, and the nature and scope of the Utility’s activities, the Village Board determined that this Program was appropriate for the Village, and therefore approved this Program on February 9, 2009.

22-1-2 **PROGRAM PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS.**

(A) **Fulfilling Requirements of the Red Flags Rule.** Under the Red Flag Rule, every financial institution and creditor is required to establish an “Identity Theft Prevention Program” tailored to its size, complexity and the nature of its operation. Each program must contain reasonable policies and procedures to:

- (1) Identify relevant Red Flags for new and existing covered accounts and incorporate those Red Flags into the Program;
- (2) Detect Red Flags that have been incorporated into the Program;
- (3) Respond appropriately to any Red Flags that are detected to prevent and mitigate Identity Theft; and
- (4) Ensure the Program is updated periodically, to reflect changes in risks to customers or to the safety and soundness of the creditor from Identity Theft.

(B) **Red Flags Rule Definitions Used in this Program.** The Red Flags Rule defines “Identity Theft” as “fraud committed using the identifying information of another person” and a “Red Flag” as “a pattern, practice, or specific activity that indicates the possible existence of Identity Theft.”

According to the Rule, a municipal utility is a creditor subject to the Rule requirements. The Rule defines creditors “to include finance companies, automobile dealers, mortgage brokers, utility companies, and telecommunications companies. Where non-profit and government entities defer payment for goods or services, they, too, are to be considered creditors.”

All the Utility’s accounts that are individual utility service accounts held by customers of the utility whether residential, commercial or industrial are covered by the Rule. Under the Rule, a “covered account” is:

- (1) Any account the Utility offers or maintains primarily for personal, family or household purposes, that involves multiple payments or transactions; and
- (2) Any other account the Utility offers or maintains for which there is a reasonably foreseeable risk to customers or to the safety and soundness of the Utility from Identity Theft.

“Identifying information” is defined under the Rules as “any name or number that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific person,” including: name, address, telephone number, social security number, date of birth, government issued driver’s license or identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, employer or taxpayer identification number, unique electronic identification number, computer’s Internet Protocol address, or routing code.

22-1-3 IDENTIFICATION OF RED FLAGS. In order to identify relevant Red Flags, the Utility considers the types of accounts that it offers and maintains, the methods it provides to open its accounts, the methods it provides to access its accounts, and its previous experiences with Identity Theft. The Utility identifies the following red flags, in each of the listed categories:

- (A) **Notifications and Warnings From Credit Reporting Agencies; Red Flags.**
 - (1) Report of fraud accompanying a credit report;
 - (2) Notice or report from a credit agency of a credit freeze on a customer or applicant;
 - (3) Notice or report from a credit agency of an active duty alert for an applicant; and
 - (4) Indication from a credit report of activity that is inconsistent with a customer's usual pattern or activity.
- (B) **Suspicious Documents; Red Flags.**
 - (1) Identification document or card that appears to be forged, altered or inauthentic;
 - (2) Identification document or card on which a person's photograph or physical description is not consistent with the person presenting the document;
 - (3) Other document with information that is not consistent with existing customer information (such as if a person's signature on a check appears forged); and
 - (4) Application for service that appears to have been altered or forged.
- (C) **Suspicious Personal Identifying Information; Red Flags.**
 - (1) Identifying information presented that is inconsistent with other information the customer provides (example: inconsistent birth dates);
 - (2) Identifying information presented that is inconsistent with other sources of information (for instance, an address not matching an address on a credit report);
 - (3) Identifying information presented that is the same as information shown on other applications that were found to be fraudulent;
 - (4) Identifying information presented that is consistent with fraudulent activity (such as an invalid phone number or fictitious billing address);
 - (5) Social security number presented that is the same as one given by another customer;
 - (6) An address or phone number presented that is the same as that of another person;
 - (7) A person fails to provide complete personal identifying information on an application when reminded to do so (however, by law social security numbers must not be required); and
 - (8) A person's identifying information is not consistent with the information that is on file for the customer.
- (D) **Suspicious Account Activity or Unusual Use of Account; Red Flags.**
 - (1) Change of address for an account followed by a request to change the account holder's name;
 - (2) Payments stop on an otherwise consistently up-to-date account;
 - (3) Account used in a way that is not consistent with prior use (example: very high activity);
 - (4) Mail sent to the account holder is repeatedly returned as undeliverable;
 - (5) Notice to the Utility that a customer is not receiving mail sent by the Utility;
 - (6) Notice to the Utility that an account has unauthorized activity;
 - (7) Breach in the Utility's computer system security; and
 - (8) Unauthorized access to or use of customer account information.

(E) **Alerts From Others; Red Flag.**

- (1) Notice to the Utility from a customer, identity theft victim, law enforcement or other person that it has opened or is maintaining a fraudulent account for a person engaged in Identity Theft.

22-1-4 DETECTING RED FLAGS.

(A) **New Accounts.** In order to detect any of the Red Flags identified above associated with the opening of a **new account**, Utility personnel will take the following steps to obtain and verify the identity of the person opening the account:

- (1) Require certain identifying information such as name, date of birth, residential or business address, principal place of business for an entity, driver's license or other identification;
- (2) Verify the customer's identity (for instance, review a driver's license or other identification card);
- (3) Review documentation showing the existence of a business entity; and
- (4) Independently contact the customer.

(B) **Existing Accounts.** In order to detect any of the Red Flags identified above for an **existing account**, Utility personnel will take the following steps to monitor transactions with an account:

- (1) Verify the identification of customers if they request information (in person, via telephone, via facsimile, via email);
- (2) Verify the validity of requests to change billing addresses; and
- (3) Verify changes in banking information given for billing and payment purposes.

22-1-5 PREVENTING AND MITIGATING IDENTITY THEFT.

(A) **Prevent and Mitigate.** In the event Utility personnel detect any identified Red Flags, such personnel shall take one or more of the following steps, depending on the degree of risk posed by the Red Flag:

- (1) Continue to monitor an account for evidence of Identity Theft;
- (2) Contact the customer;
- (3) Change any passwords or other security devices that permit access to accounts;
- (4) Not open a new account;
- (5) Close an existing account;
- (6) Reopen an account with a new number;
- (7) Notify the Program Administrator for determination of the appropriate step(s) to take;
- (8) Notify law enforcement; or
- (9) Determine that no response is warranted under the particular circumstances.

(B) **Protect Customer Identifying Information.** In order to further prevent the likelihood of Identity Theft occurring with respect to Utility accounts, the Utility will take the following steps with respect to its internal operating procedures to protect customer identifying information:

- (1) Ensure that its website is secure or provide clear notice that the website is not secure;
- (2) Ensure complete and secure destruction of paper documents and computer files containing customer information;
- (3) Ensure that office computers are password protected and that computer screens lock after a set period of time;
- (4) Keep offices clear of papers containing customer information;
- (5) Request only the last 4 digits of social security numbers (if any);

- (6) Ensure computer virus protection is up to date; and
- (7) Require and keep only the kinds of customer information that are necessary for utility purposes.

22-1-6 **PROGRAM UPDATES.** The Program Administrator will periodically review and update this Program to reflect changes in risks to customers and the soundness of the Utility from Identity Theft. In doing so, the Program Administrator will consider the Utility's experiences with Identity Theft situations, changes in Identity Theft methods, changes in Identity Theft detection and prevention methods, and changes in the Utility's business arrangements with other entities. After considering these factors, the Program Administrator will determine whether changes to the Program, including the listing of Red Flags, are warranted. If warranted, the Program Administrator will update the Program or present the Village Board with his or her recommended changes and the Village Board will make a determination of whether to accept, modify or reject those changes to the Program.

22-1-7 **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.**

(A) **Oversight.** Responsibility for developing, implementing and updating this Program lies with an Identity Theft Committee for the Utility. The Committee is headed by a Program Administrator who may be the head of the Utility or his or her appointee. Two or more other individuals appointed by the head of the Utility or the Program Administrator comprise the remainder of the committee membership. The Program Administrator will be responsible for the Program administration, for ensuring appropriate training of Utility staff on the Program, for reviewing any staff reports regarding the detection of Red Flags and the steps for preventing and mitigating Identity Theft, determining which steps of prevention and mitigation should be taken in particular circumstances and considering periodic changes to the Program.

(B) **Staff Training and Reports.** Utility staff responsible for implementing the Program shall be trained either by or under the direction of the Program Administrator in the detection of Red Flags, and the responsive steps to be taken when a Red Flag is detected.

(C) **Service Provider Arrangements.** In the event the Utility engages a service provider to perform an activity in connection with one or more accounts, the Utility will take the following steps to ensure the service provider performs its activity in accordance with reasonable policies and procedures designed to detect, prevent, and mitigate the risk of Identity Theft.

- (1) Require, by contract, that service providers have such policies and procedures in place; and
- (2) Require, by contract, that service providers review the Utility's Program and report any Red Flags to the Program Administrator.

(D) **Non-Disclosure of Specific Practices.** For the effectiveness of this Identity Theft Prevention Program, knowledge about specific Red Flag identification, detection, mitigation and prevention practices must be limited to the Identity Theft Committee who developed this Program and to those employees with a need to know them. Any documents that may have been produced or are produced in order to develop or implement this program that list or describe such specific practices and the information those documents contain are considered "security information" as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37 and are unavailable to the public because disclosure of them would be likely to substantially jeopardized the security of information against improper use, that use being to circumvent the Utility's Identity Theft prevention efforts in order to facilitate the commission of Identity Theft.

ARTICLE II - USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

22-2-1 DEFINITIONS.

"Person" means any individual in the employ of the Village.

"Policy" or "Privacy Policy" means this document, as now or hereafter amended.

"Publicly post" or "publicly display" means to intentionally communicate or otherwise intentionally make available to the general public.

"Social Security Number" means the nine (9) digit number assigned to an individual by the United States Social Security Administration for the purposes authorized or required under the United States Social Security Act of August 14, 1935, as amended (Public Law 74-271).

22-2-2 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

(A) No officer or employee of the Village shall do any of the following:

- (1) Publicly post or publicly display in any manner an individual's Social Security Number.
- (2) Print an individual's Social Security Number on any card required for the individual to access products or services provided by the person or entity.
- (3) Require an individual to transmit his or her Social Security Number over the Internet, unless the connection is secure or the Social Security Number is encrypted.
- (4) Print an individual's Social Security Number on any materials that are mailed to the individual, through the United States Postal Service, any private mail service, electronic mail, or a similar method of delivery, unless Illinois or federal law requires the Social Security Number to be on the document to be mailed. Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the contrary, Social Security Numbers may be included in applications and forms sent by mail, including, but not limited to, any material mailed in connection with the administration of the Illinois Unemployment Insurance Act, any material mailed in connection with any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, and documents sent as part of an application or enrollment process or to establish, amend, or terminate an account, contract, or policy or to confirm the accuracy of the Social Security Number. A Social Security Number that may permissibly be mailed under this Section may not be printed, in whole or in part, on a postcard or other mailer that does not require an envelope or be visible on an envelope without the envelope having been opened.

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this policy, beginning immediately on the effective date of the Village's authorizing Ordinance, no officer or employee of the Village shall do any of the following:

- (1) Collect, use, or disclose a Social Security number from an individual, unless (i) required to do so under State or Federal law, rules, or regulations, or the collection, use, or disclosure of the Social Security Number is otherwise necessary for the performance of that agency's duties and responsibilities; (ii) the need and purpose for the Social Security Number is documented before collection of the Social Security Number; and (iii) the Social Security Number collected is relevant to the documented need and purpose.
- (2) Require an individual to use his or her Social Security Number to access an Internet website.
- (3) Use the Social Security Number for any purpose other than the purpose for which it was collected.

- (C) The prohibitions in subsection (B) do not apply in the following circumstances:
- (1) The disclosure of Social Security Numbers to agents, employees, contractors, or subcontractors of the Village or disclosure to another governmental entity or its agents, employees, contractors, or subcontractors if disclosure is necessary in order for the entity to perform its duties and responsibilities; and, if disclosing to a contractor or subcontractor, prior to such disclosure, the officer or employee of the Village must first receive from the contractor or subcontractor a copy of the contractor's or subcontractor's policy that sets forth how the requirements imposed under this Policy on the Village to protect an individual's Social Security Number will be achieved.
 - (2) The disclosure of Social Security Numbers pursuant to a court order, warrant, or subpoena.
 - (3) The collection, use, or disclosure of Social Security Numbers in order to ensure the safety of: Village employees; persons committed to correctional facilities, local jails, and other law enforcement facilities or retention centers; wards of the State; and all persons working in or visiting a Village facility.
 - (4) The collection, use, or disclosure of Social Security Numbers for Internal verification or administrative purposes.
 - (5) The collection or use of Social Security Numbers to investigate or prevent fraud, to conduct background checks, to collect a debt, to obtain a credit report from a consumer reporting agency under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, to undertake any permissible purpose that is enumerated under the federal Gramm Leach Bliley Act, or to locate a missing person, a lost relative, or a person who is due a benefit such as a pension benefit or an unclaimed property benefit.
- (D) Any standards of the Village for the collection, use, or disclosure of Social Security Numbers that are stricter than the standards under this Policy with respect to the protection of those Social Security Numbers, then, in the event of any conflict with the provisions of this Policy, the stricter standards adopted by the Village shall control.

22-2-3 PUBLIC INSPECTION AND COPYING OF DOCUMENTS. Notwithstanding any other provision of this policy to the contrary, all officers and employees of the Village must comply with the provisions of any other State law with respect to allowing the public inspection and copying of information or documents containing all or any portion of an individual's Social Security Number. All officers and employees of the Village must redact Social Security Numbers from the information or documents before allowing the public inspection or copying of the information or documents.

22-2-4 APPLICABILITY.

(A) This policy does not apply to the collection, use, or disclosure of a Social Security Number as required by State or Federal law, rule, or regulation.

(B) This policy does not apply to documents that are required to be open to the public under any State or Federal law, rule, or regulation, applicable case law, Supreme Court Rule, or the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

22-2-5 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW. If a federal law takes effect requiring any federal agency to establish a national unique patient health identifier program, the Village shall follow that law.

22-2-6 **EMBEDDED SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.** Beginning immediately on the effective date of the Village's authorizing Ordinance, no officer or employee of the Village may encode or embed a Social Security Number in or on a card or document, including, but not limited to, using a bar code, chip, magnetic strip, RFID technology, or other technology, in place of removing the Social Security Number as required by this Policy.

22-2-7 **IDENTITY--PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS.**

(A) All officers, employees and agents of the Village identified as having access to Social Security Numbers in the course of performing their duties to be trained to protect the confidentiality of all Social Security Numbers. Training shall include instructions on the proper handling of information that contains Social Security Numbers from the time of collection through the destruction of the information.

(B) Only employees who are required to use or handle information or documents that contain Social Security Numbers have access to such information or documents.

(C) Social Security Numbers requested from an individual shall be provided in a manner that makes the Social Security Number easily redacted if required to be released as part of a public records' request.

(D) When collecting a Social Security Number or upon request by the individual, a statement of the purpose or purposes for which the Village is collecting and using the Social Security Number be provided.

(E) A written copy of this Privacy Policy, and any amendment thereto, shall be filed with the Village Board within **thirty (30) days** after approval of this Policy or any amendment thereto.

(F) The Village shall advise its employees of the existence of the Policy and make a copy of this Policy available to each employee, and shall also make this Privacy Policy available to any member of the public, upon request and at no charge for a single copy of this Privacy Policy. If the Village amends this Privacy Policy, then the Village shall also advise its employees of the existence of the amended Policy and make a copy of the amended Policy available to each employee.

22-2-8 **PENALTY.** Any person who violates any portion of this Article, as now or hereafter amended, shall be subject to a fine of not less than **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** for the first such violation and a fine of not less than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for each violation thereafter.

22-2-9 **AMENDMENT OF PRIVACY POLICY.** The Privacy Policy adopted in this Division and Chapter shall be subject to amendment from time to time by the Village Board as the Village Board shall deem necessary in its sole discretion in order to maintain the Village's compliance with the Illinois Identity Protection Act as now or hereafter amended.

22-2-10 **CONFLICT WITH STRICTER LAWS.** This Policy does not supersede any more restrictive law, rule, or regulation regarding the collection, use, or disclosure of Social Security Numbers.

[NOTE: This Policy is to comply with Public Act 096-9874 of the State of Illinois, cited as the Identity Protection Act, and codified as Title 30, Act 5, Section 1, et seq., as now or hereafter amended.]

ARTICLE III - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY

22-3-1 **PUBLIC RECORDS AVAILABLE.** To the extent required by the Freedom of Information Act, **5 ILCS 140-1 et seq.** the Village shall make available to any person for inspection or copying all public records, except as otherwise provided in Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act, **5 ILCSA 140/7.**

22-3-2 **DESIGNATION, DUTIES AND TRAINING OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OFFICERS.**

(A) The Village Administrative Assistant is hereby designated to act as Freedom of Information Officer. The Officer shall receive requests submitted to the Village under the Freedom of Information Act, insure that the Village responds to requests in a timely fashion, and issue responses under the Freedom of Information Act. The Freedom of Information officer shall develop a list of documents or categories of records that the Village shall immediately disclose upon request.

(B) Upon receiving a request for a public record, the Freedom of Information Officer shall:

- (1) Note the date the Village receives the written request;
- (2) Compute the date on which the period for response will expire and make a notation of that date on the written request;
- (3) Maintain an electronic or paper copy of the written request including all documents submitted with the request until the request has been complied with or denied; and
- (4) Create a file for the retention of the original request, a copy of the response, a record of written communications with the person making the request, and a copy of other communications regarding the request.

(C) The Freedom of Information Act officers shall successfully complete an electronic training curriculum to be developed by the Public Access Counselor in the office of the Attorney General of the State of Illinois and thereafter successfully complete an annual training program. Thereafter when a new Freedom of Information officer is designated by the Village, that person shall successfully complete the electronic training curriculum within **thirty (30) days** after assuming the position. Successful completion of the required training curriculum within the periods provided shall be a prerequisite to continue serving as a Freedom of Information officer.

22-3-3 **PROCEDURES.** The Village shall prominently display at the Village Clerk's office, display on its website, make available for inspection and copying, and send through the mail as requested, each of the following:

(A) A brief description of the Village, which will include, but not be limited to a block diagram giving its functional departments, the total amount of its operating budget, the number and location of all of its separate offices, the approximate number of full and part-time employees and the identification and membership of any board, commission, committee or council which operates in an advisory capacity relative to the operation of the Village, or which exercises control over its policies or procedures; and

(B) A brief description of the methods whereby the public may request information and public records, a directory designating the Freedom of Information officers, the address where request for public records should be directed, and the fees relating thereto.

22-3-4 **REQUESTS TO INSPECT OR COPY.** All requests to inspect or copy records or documents prepared, maintained or under the control of the Village shall be made in the following manner:

(A) All requests shall be in writing, shall state with reasonable particularity what records are to be inspected or copied, shall state whether the records are requested for a commercial purpose, and shall be signed by the person making the request. The request may be, but is not required to be, submitted on a form provided by the Village.

(B) The written request shall be submitted to the Village Clerk or to the Mayor. If neither the Village Clerk nor the Mayor is available, the request shall be submitted to any employee of the Village acting under the direction of the Village Clerk.

(C) The Officer receiving the request shall date stamp the request and indicate the date by which a response to the request must be made.

(D) Each request for other than commercial purposes shall be granted or denied in writing within **five (5) business days** after its receipt by the Village, except as hereafter stated. The failure to grant or deny a request within **five (5) business days** shall operate as a denial, except as provided hereinbelow.

(E) The time limit set forth hereinabove may be extended for an additional **five (5) business days** by notice in writing to the person making the request of the **five (5) business days** extension. The notification shall state the reason(s) for the **five (5) business days** extension and contain a date certain on which the requested record(s) will be available. The failure to grant or deny a request within the additional **five (5) business days** shall operate as a denial. The person making the request and the Village may agree in writing to extend the time for compliance for a period to be determined by the parties. If the person making the request and the Village agree to extend the period for compliance, a failure by the Village to comply with any previous deadlines shall not be treated as a denial of the request for the records.

(F) Charges for copies of records and/or documents shall be imposed in accordance with the following:

- (1) No fees shall be charged for the first **fifty (50) pages** of black and white, letter or legal sized copies requested.
- (2) **Fifteen Cents (\$0.15)** for one-sided page for each black and white, letter, legal sized or 11" x 17" copy requested.
- (3) **One Dollar (\$1.00)** for each certified copy requested.
- (4) **Ten Cents (\$0.10)** for each audio recording.

(G) It shall be the responsibility of the person making the request to pick up the requested documents at Village Hall. If the person making the request asks the Village to mail the documents, he or she shall provide the Village with his/her correct mailing address so as to efficiently process all requests. Copies of records requested to be mailed will be forwarded United States Certified Mail to the address provided. Pre-payment of **Two Dollars Fifty Cents (\$2.50)** per ounce shall be required.

(H) When a person requests a copy of a record maintained in an electronic format, the Village shall furnish it in the electronic format specified by the person making the request, if feasible. If it is not feasible to furnish the public records in the specified electronic format, then the Village shall furnish it in the format in which it is maintained by the Village, or in paper format at the option of the person making the request.

22-3-5 **REQUEST FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.** The Village shall respond to a request for records to be used for a commercial purpose within **twenty-one (21) working days** after receipt. The response shall (1) provide to the person making the request an estimate of the time required by the Village to provide the records requested and an estimate of the fees to be charged, which the Village may require the person to pay in full before copying the requested documents, (2) deny the request pursuant to **one (1)** or more of the exemptions set out in the Freedom of Information Act, **5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.**, (3) notify the person making the request that the request is unduly burdensome and extend an opportunity to the person making the request to attempt to reduce the request to manageable portions, or (4) provide the records requested.

Unless the records are exempt from disclosure, the Village shall comply with a commercial request within a reasonable period considering the size and complexity of the request, and giving priority to records requested for non-commercial purposes.

It is unlawful for a person to knowingly obtain a public record for a commercial purpose within disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose, and any person obtaining a public record for commercial purpose without disclosing that it is for a commercial purpose shall be fined in accordance with the Village Code.

22-3-6 **FEES.** The Village Clerk shall determine when the established fees are subject to waiver or reduction because the release of the requested information is in the public interest.

22-3-7 **PUBLIC FILE.** The Village Clerk shall establish and maintain a central file, open to the public, of all denials of requests for records which shall be indexed according to the exemption utilized to deny a request for records, and to the extent possible, according to the types of records requested.

22-3-8 **GRANTING OR DENIAL OF REQUESTS.** A request for all records within a category shall be granted unless the request constitutes an undue burden upon the Village. Prior to denying a request based upon the burdensome nature of the request, an opportunity to narrow the request to manageable proportions shall be provided. If the attempt to narrow the request fails, the request may be denied because compliance will unduly burden the operations of the Village and the burden outweighs the public interest in the information. The denial shall be in writing, specifying the reasons why compliance will be unduly burdensome and the extent to which compliance will so burden the operations of the Village. Repeated requests from the same person for the same records that are unchanged or identical to records previously provided are properly denied under the Freedom of Information Act shall be deemed unduly burdensome under this Section.

22-3-9 **CERTAIN INFORMATION EXEMPT FROM INSPECTION AND COPYING.** If any record exempt from disclosure contains material which is not exempt, the information which is exempt shall be deleted and the remaining information shall be available for inspection and copying.

22-3-10 **NOTICE OF DENIAL OF REQUEST; APPEALS.**
(A) If the Village denies the request, the Village shall notify the person making the request in writing of:

- (1) the decision to deny the request;
- (2) the reasons for the denial, including a detailed factual basis for the application of any exemption claim;
- (3) the names and titles or positions of each person responsible for the denial;
- (4) the right to review by the Public Access Counselor and the address and phone number for the Public Access Counselor; and
- (5) the right to judicial review.

If an exemption is claimed, then the denial must include the specific reasons for the denial, including a detailed factual basis and a citation to support a legal authority.

(B) If the Village asserts an exemption under Subsection (1)(c) or (1)(f) of Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act, it shall, within the time periods provided for Respondent to request, provide written notice to the person making the request and the Public Access Counselor of its intent to deny the request in whole or in part. The notice shall include:

- (1) a copy of the request for access to records;

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- (2) the proposed response from the Village;
- (3) a detailed summary of the Village's basis for asserting its exemption.

If the Public Access Counselor determines that further inquiry is warranted, the procedures set forth in the Freedom of Information Act, as amended from time to time, regarding the review of denials shall be applicable. Times for response compliance by the Village to the request shall be tolled until the Public Access Counselor concludes his or her inquiry.

ARTICLE IV - FAIR HOUSING CODE

22-4-1 **DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

(A) In furthering the policy of the State of Illinois as expressed in its Constitution and other laws; in order that the safety and general welfare, peace and health of all the inhabitants of the Village may be ensured, it is hereby declared the policy of the Village to assure equal opportunity to all residents, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or physical disability to live in decent, sanitary, healthful, standard living quarters.

(B) It is the policy of the Village that no owner, lessee, sub-lessee, assignee, managing agent, or other person, firm or corporation having the right to sell, rent, lease (or otherwise control) any housing accommodation and/or real property within the Village, or any agent of these shall refuse to sell, rent, lease, or otherwise deny to or withhold from any person or group of persons such housing accommodations and/or real property because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability of such person or persons or discriminate against any person or persons because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability in the conditions, terms, privileges of the sale, rental or lease of any housing accommodation and/or real property or in the furnishing of facilities and/or services in connection therewith.

(C) Relocation shall be carried out in a manner that will promote maximum choice within the community's total housing supply; lessen racial, ethnic, and economic concentrations; and facilitate desegregation and racially inclusive patterns of occupancy and use of public and private facilities.

22-4-2 **DEFINITIONS.** Unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, the following terms shall have the meaning as described in this Section and as used in this Code:

(A) **"Decent, Sanitary, Healthful Standard Living Quarters"**. "Decent, sanitary, healthful standard living quarters" is housing which is in sound, clean, and weather tight condition in conformance with applicable local, state, and national codes.

(B) **"Discriminate"**. The terms "discriminate" or "discrimination" mean any difference expressed in any way toward a person or persons in the terms of the sale, exchange, lease, rental or financing for housing accommodation and/or real property in regard to such sale, exchange, rental, lease or finance because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability of such person.

(C) **"Financial Institution"**. The term "financial institution" means any person, institution or business entity of any kind which loans money to persons and receives as security for said loans a secured interest of any kind in the real property of the borrower.

(D) **"Housing Accommodation"**. The term "housing accommodation" includes any building, structure, or portion thereof which is used or occupied, maintained, arranged or designed to be used or occupied as a home, residence or sleeping place of **one (1)** or more human beings, or any real estate so used, designed or intended for such use.

(E) **"Owner"**. An "owner" means any person/persons who hold legal or equitable title to, or own any beneficial interest in any real property or who hold legal or equitable title to shares of, or hold any beneficial interest in any real estate cooperative which owns any real property and/or housing accommodations.

(F) **"Real Estate Broker"**. The term "real estate broker" means any person, partnership, association, corporation and/or agent thereof, who for a fee or other valuable consideration offers, sells, purchases, exchanges or rents, or negotiates for the sale, purchase, exchange or rental of a housing accommodation and/or real property of another, or collects rental for the use of housing accommodation and/or real property of another.

(G) **"Real Property"**. The term "real property" means any real estate, vacant land, building, structure or housing accommodations within the corporate limits of the Village.

22-4-3 **PROHIBITED ACTS.** It shall be an unlawful for any owner of real estate, lessee, sub-lessee, real estate broker or salesman, financial institution or employee of the financial institution, advertiser, or agent of any or all of the foregoing, to discriminate against any person or persons because of their race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability with regard to the sale, exchange or rental, or any dealing concerning any housing accommodation and/or real property.

In addition to the foregoing, it shall also be unlawful for any real estate broker or employee thereof, owner or other person, or financial institution dealing with housing or real property of the Village:

(A) To discriminate against any person in the availability of or the price, terms, conditions, or privileges of any kind relating to the sale, rental, lease, or occupancy of any housing accommodation or real property in the Village or in furnishing of any facilities or services in connection therewith.

(B) To publish or circulate, or cause to be published or circulated, any notice, statement or advertisement, or to announce a policy, or to use any form of application, for the purchase, lease, rental or financing of real property, or to make any record of inquiry in connection with the prospective purchase, rental or lease of such real estate, which expresses directly or indirectly any discrimination as to race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed or disability of any person.

(C) To discriminate in connection with lending money, guaranteeing loans, accepting mortgages or otherwise obtaining or making available funds for the purchase, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of any housing accommodation and/or real property.

(D) To solicit for sale, lease, or listing for the sale or lease, of any housing accommodation and/or real property on the grounds of loss of value because of the present or prospective entry into any neighborhood of any person or persons of any particular race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability.

(E) To distribute or cause to be distributed, written material or statements designed to induce any owner of any housing accommodation and/or real property to sell or lease his or her property because of any present or prospective change in the race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability of persons in the neighborhood.

(F) To make any misrepresentations concerning the listing for sale or the anticipated listing for sale or the sale of any housing accommodation and/or real property for the purpose of inducing or attempting to induce the sale or listing for sale of any housing accommodation and/or real property by representing that the presence or anticipated presence of persons of any particular race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability in the area will or may result in the lowering of property values in the block, neighborhood or area in which the property is located.

(G) For an owner to solicit any real estate broker to sell, rent or otherwise deal with such owner's housing accommodations and/or real property with any limitation on its sale based on race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed or disability.

(H) For an owner to refuse to sell, rent, or otherwise deal with any housing accommodation and/or real property because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, creed, or disability of the proposed buyer or tenant.

22-4-4 **PENALTY.** Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this Code shall be punished by a fine of not less than **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)**. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. This Section shall in no way abrogate or impair the right of the Village to specifically enforce, by any legal means, any of the provisions of this Code.

(65 ILCS 5/11-11.1-1)
(Ord. No. 101; 03-14-07)

ARTICLE V – INVESTMENT POLICY

22-5-1 **INVESTMENT POLICY.** It is always prudent for any governmental entity to have an Investment Policy in place for the purpose of safeguarding funds, equitable distributing the investments and maximizing income. The following policy is adopted for the Village.

22-5-2 **SCOPE OF INVESTMENT POLICY.** This Investment Policy applies to the investment activities of all funds under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Accounts and Finances. This Investment Policy will also apply to any new funds or temporary funds placed under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Accounts and Finances. The Illinois Compiled Statutes will take precedence except where this policy is more restrictive.

22-5-3 **OBJECTIVES.** The purpose of this Investment Policy is to establish cash management and investment guidelines for the stewardship of public funds under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Accounts and Finances. The specific objectives of this Investment Policy are as follows:

- (A) Safety of principal.
- (B) Diversity of investments to avoid unreasonable risks.
- (C) The portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating costs which may be reasonably anticipated.
- (D) The highest interest rate available will always be the objective of this policy combined with safety of principal, which is left to the discretion of the Commissioner of Accounts and Finances, which includes whether or not the Commissioner of Accounts and Finances will require collateralization of any deposits.
- (E) In maintaining its investment portfolio, the Commissioner of Accounts and Finances shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence.
- (F) The Commissioner of Accounts and Finances will give consideration to the financial institution's positive community involvement when consideration is given to the financial institution to be used as a depository.
- (G) All funds will be vested for a period of **one (1) day** or longer, depending on the requirement for the disbursement of funds.
- (H) All funds shall be deposited within **two (2) working days** at prevailing rates or better in accordance with Illinois Compiled Statutes.

22-5-4 **RESPONSIBILITY.** All investment of funds under the control of the City Treasurer is the direct responsibility of the City Treasurer. The City Clerk shall be responsible for all transactions and shall establish a system of controls of the activities of the subordinates who are directly involved in the assistance of such investment activities.

22-5-5 **ACCOUNTING.** All investment transactions shall be recorded by the City Clerk or Treasurer. A report will be generated at least monthly by listing all active investments. This report will be made available to the City Council.

22-5-6 **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.** The City Council will have the responsibility to select which financial institutions will be depositories for the City funds.

The City Council will take into consideration security, size, location, condition, service, fees and the community relations involvement of the financial institution when choosing a financial institution.

At no time will the City investments exceed **sixty-five percent (65%)** of the financial institution's capital and surplus.

All financial institutions having any type of financial relationships; deposits, investment, loans, etc., are required to provide a complete and current "Call Report" required by their appropriate regulatory authority each calendar quarter within **thirty (30) days** of the "Call" request date.

22-5-7 **INVESTMENT VEHICLES.** The Commissioner of Accounts and Finances will use investments approved for governmental units as set forth in the most current issue of the Illinois Compiled Statutes including Securities Exchange Commission registered and AAA rated by Moody's and Standard & Poor's money market mutual funds consisting of U.S. Government Treasuries.

22-5-8 **COLLATERAL.** It shall be at the discretion of the Commissioner of Accounts and Finances to determine whether or not collateral will be required of financial institutions receiving funds.

At all times, the Commissioner of Accounts and Finances will require that deposits in excess of **ten percent (10%)** of the capital and surplus of a financial institution will be collateralized. The Commissioner of Accounts and Finances may request collateral for any part of deposits in financial institutions when the Commissioner of Accounts and Finances determines it to be in the best interests of safeguarding the funds on deposit.

When collateral is required, **one hundred five percent (105%)** of the deposit will be required. Only the following collateral will be accepted:

- (A) U.S. Government direct securities.
- (B) Obligations of Federal Agencies.
- (C) Obligations of Federal Instrumentalities.
- (D) Obligations of the State of Illinois.
- (E) Acceptable Collateral as identified in the Illinois Compiled Statutes for use by the

Treasurer of the State of Illinois.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, and not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the possible income to be derived.

The above standard is established as the standard for professional responsibility and shall be applied in the context of managing of the City's portfolio.

22-5-9 **SECURITY CONTROLS.** The Commissioner of Accounts and Finances is authorized to establish financial accounts for the City with the advice and consent of the City Council. At all times the Commissioner of Accounts and Finances will be authorized to sign on financial accounts of the City.

(Ord. No. 71; 04-05-00)
(See 30 ILCS 5/2.5)

ARTICLE VI – ETHICS CODE

22-6-1 STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES ETHICS ACT.

(A) The regulations of Sections 5-15 (**5 ILCS 430/5-15**) and Article 10 (**5 ILCS 430/10-10 through 10-40**) of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, **5 ILCS 430/1-1 et seq.**, (hereinafter referred to as the “Act” in this Section) are hereby adopted by reference and made applicable to the officers and employees of the Village to the extent required by **5 ILCS 430/70-5**.

(B) The solicitation or acceptance of gifts prohibited to be solicited or accepted under the Act, by any officer or any employee of the Village, is hereby prohibited.

(C) The offering or making of gifts prohibited to be offered or made to an officer or employee of the Village, is hereby prohibited.

(D) The participation in political activities prohibited under the Act, by any officer or employee of the Village, is hereby prohibited.

(E) For the purposes of this Section, the terms “officer” and “employee” shall be defined as set forth in **5 ILCS 430/70-5(c)**.

(F) The penalties for violations of this Section shall be the same as those penalties set forth in **5 ILCS 430/50-5** for similar violations of the Act.

(G) This Section does not repeal or otherwise amend or modify any existing ordinances or policies which regulate the conduct of Village officers and employees. To the extent that any such existing ordinances or policies are less restrictive than this Section, however, the provisions of this Section shall prevail in accordance with the provisions of **5 ILCS 430/70-5(a)**.

(H) Any amendment to the Act that becomes effective after the effective date of this Section shall be incorporated into this Section by reference and shall be applicable to the solicitation, acceptance, offering and making of gifts and to prohibited political activities. However, any amendment that makes its provisions optional for adoption by municipalities shall not be incorporated into this Section by reference without formal action by the corporate authorities of the Village.

(I) If the Illinois Supreme Court declares the Act unconstitutional in its entirety, then this Section shall be repealed as of the date that the Illinois Supreme Court’s decision becomes final and not subject to any further appeals or rehearings. This Section shall be deemed repealed without further action by the Corporate Authorities of the Village if the Act is found unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court.

(J) If the Illinois Supreme Court declares part of the Act unconstitutional but upholds the constitutionality of the remainder of the Act, or does not address the remainder of the Act, then the remainder of the Act as adopted by this Section shall remain in full force and effect; however, that part of this Section relating to the part of the Act found unconstitutional shall be deemed repealed without further action by the Corporate Authorities of the Village.

(Ord. No. 87; 04-14-04)

ARTICLE VII - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY

22-7-1 **ADOPTION OF CODES.** The Village hereby declares to uphold, defend, enforce, and advocate for all laws related to Equal Employment Opportunity including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** which prohibits discrimination in the participation in or benefits of programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

(B) **Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** which prohibits discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in all employment practices including hiring, firing, promotions, compensation, and other terms, privileges and conditions of employment.

(C) **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972** which prohibits discrimination in federally assisted education programs.

(D) **The Equal Pay Act of 1963** which covers all employees who are covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act. The Act forbids pay differentials on the basis of sex.

(E) **The Age Discrimination Act of 1967** which prohibits discrimination because of age against anyone between the ages of **forty (40)** and **sixty-five (65)**.

(F) **Federal Executive Order 11246** which requires every contract with federal financial assistance to contain a clause against discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(G) **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and DOL Implementing Regulations at 29 CFR 32** which prohibits any discrimination based on disability.

(H) **Section 188 of WIA and the U.S. DOL Regulations at 29 CFR Parts 31 and 32** which provides that no person in the United States shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin, under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Labor.

(I) **Chapter 68, Article I, Section 17-19 of the Illinois Constitution** which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, creed, national ancestry, disability, and sex in the hiring and promotion practices of any employer.

(J) **The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990** which prohibits any discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of their disability.

(K) **Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5)** which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, order of protection status, marital status, physical or mental disability, military status, sexual orientation, or unfavorable discharge from military service in connection with employment, real estate transactions, access to financial credit, and the availability of public accommodations.

22-7-2 **NON-DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES.** The Village will assure non-discriminatory employment practices in recruitment, recruitment advertising, employment, placement, layoff or termination, promotion, demotion or transfer, rate of pay or other forms of compensation and use of facilities.

22-7-3 **CONTRACTING WITH NON-COMPLAINTS.** The Village will not contract with other agencies, banks, businesses, vendors, etc., who practice or establish a pattern of discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, order of protection status, marital status, physical or mental disability, military status, sexual orientation, or unfavorable discharge from military.

(A) The Village will incorporate into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, subject to the relevant rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor or of any prior authority that remain in effect, which is paid for in whole or in part with the aid of such financial assistance, the following "Equal Opportunity Clause":

- (1) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the provisions of this Equal Employment Opportunity Clause, the Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Department, the contractor may be declared ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations, and the contract may be cancelled or voided in whole or in part, and other sanctions or penalties may be imposed or remedies invoked as provided by statute or regulation. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:
 - (a) That he or she will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, sexual orientation, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service; and, further, that he or she will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any underutilization.
 - (b) That, if he or she hires additional employees in order to perform this contract or any portion of this contract, he or she will determine the availability (in accordance with the Department's Rules and Regulations) of minorities and women in the areas from which he or she may reasonably recruit and he or she will hire for each job classification for which employees are hired in a way that minorities and women are not underutilized.
 - (c) That, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by him or her or on his or her behalf, he or she will state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin or ancestry, citizenship status, age, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, sexual orientation, military status or an unfavorable discharge from military service.
 - (d) That he or she will send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which he or she has or is bound by a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, a notice advising the labor organization or representative of the contractor's obligations under the Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations. If any labor organization or representative fails or refuses to cooperate with the contractor in his or her efforts to comply with the Act and Rules and Regulations, the contractor will promptly notify the Department and the contracting agency and will recruit employees from other sources when necessary to fulfill its obligations under the contract.
 - (e) That he or she will submit reports as required by the Department's Rules and Regulations, furnish all relevant information as may from time to time be requested by the Department or the contracting agency, and in all respects comply with the Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
 - (f) That he or she will permit access to all relevant books, records, accounts and work sites by personnel of the contracting agency and the Department for purposes of investigation to ascertain

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- compliance with the Act and the Department's Rules and Regulations.
- (g) That he or she will include verbatim or by reference the provisions of this clause in every subcontract awarded under which any portion of the contract obligations are undertaken or assumed, so that the provisions will be binding upon the subcontractor. In the same manner as with other provisions of this contract, the contractor will be liable for compliance with applicable provisions of this clause by subcontractors; and further it will promptly notify the contracting agency and the Department in the event any subcontractor fails or refuses to comply with the provisions. In addition, the contractor will not utilize any subcontractor declared by the Illinois Human Rights Commission to be ineligible for contracts or subcontracts with the State of Illinois or any of its political subdivisions or municipal corporations.

22-7-4 **OUTREACH TO ALL.** The Village assures that it will actively provide nondiscriminatory outreach, selection, and service to all individuals.

22-7-5 **MINORITY HIRING.** Efforts will be made to hire minority individuals for all job categories so that minority employment in all categories of the work force will represent a proportionate share of minority populations in the Village as well as surrounding areas.

22-7-6 **ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABLED.** The Village will provide accommodations to the best of its ability for employees with disabilities, contingent on budget and structural limitations.

22-7-7 **COMPLIANCE BY EMPLOYEES.** All Village employees are expected to adhere to the above policy and to work actively for its implementation both internally and in carrying out Village program activities.

22-7-8 **DESIGNATED ENFORCERS.** The Village designates the Mayor and the Village Board to carry out the EEO/AA plan.

ARTICLE VIII - DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

22-8-1 **DEFINITIONS.**

- (A) **"Drug Free Workplace"** means any place for the performance of work for or on behalf of the Village, done by an employee of the Village, or an employee of a contractor or subcontractor performing work for the Village.
- (B) **"Employee"** as used within the meaning of this Article, means an employee of the Village as well as an employee of a contractor or subcontractor performing work for the Village.
- (C) **"Controlled Substance"** means a controlled substance as defined in the Illinois Controlled Substance Act, **720 ILCS 570/100 et seq.** (1992 State Bar Edition) or Cannabis as defined in the Cannabis Control Act, **720 ILCS 550/1 et seq.** (1992 State Bar Edition).
- (D) **"Conviction"** means a finding of guilt, including a plea of nolo contendere, or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with determining violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes.
- (E) **"Criminal Drug Statute"** means a criminal statute involving manufacture, distribution, dispensation, use, or possession of any controlled substance.
- (F) **"State"** means all officers, boards, commissions, and agencies created by the Constitution, whether in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch; all officers, departments, boards, commissions, agencies, institutions, authorities, universities, bodies politic and corporate of the State; or administrative units or corporate outgrowths, of the State government which are created by or pursuant to statute.

22-8-2 **REQUIREMENTS FOR VILLAGE.** The Village shall provide a drug free workplace by:

- (A) **Publishing a Statement.**
- (1) Notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance, including cannabis, is prohibited in the workplace.
 - (2) Specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
 - (3) Notifying employee that, as a condition of employment, the employee will:
 - (a) abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (b) notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than **five (5) days** after such conviction.
- (B) Establishing a drug free awareness program to be administered by a person appointed by the Mayor to inform employees about:
- (1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) the Village's policy of maintaining a drug free workplace;
 - (3) any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug violations.
- (C) A copy of the statement required by Subsection (A) above shall be given to each employee and posted in a prominent place in the workplace.
- (D) If the Village receives a grant from the State or Contract for the procurement of any property or services from the State, then the Village shall notify the contracting or granting agency within **ten (10) days** after receiving notice under part (b) of paragraph (3) of Subsection (A) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction.
- (E) Within **thirty (30) days** from receiving notice from an employee of a conviction of a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace, the Mayor shall take action against such employee as may be appropriate as determined by the Mayor and which may include but is not

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limited to reprimand; suspension for any length of time with or without pay; termination from employment; and/or a requirement to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

(F) Assisting employees in selecting a course of action in the event drug counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation is required and indicating that a trained referral team is in place.

(G) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug free workplace through implementation of this Section.

ARTICLE IX – SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

22-9-1 STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION POLICY. This organization is committed to providing a workplace that is free from all forms of discrimination, including sexual harassment. Any employee's behavior that fits the definition of sexual harassment is a form of misconduct which may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Sexual harassment could also subject this organization and, in some cases, an individual to substantial civil penalties.

The organization's policy on sexual harassment is part of its overall affirmative action efforts pursuant to state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination based on age, race, color, religion, national origin, citizenship status, unfavorable discharge from the military, marital status, disability, and gender. Specifically, sexual harassment is prohibited by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended in 1991, and the Illinois Human Rights Act.

Each employee of this organization bears the responsibility to refrain from sexual harassment in the workplace. No employee – male or female – should be subjected to unsolicited or unwelcome sexual overtures or conduct in the workplace. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of all supervisors to make sure that the work environment is free from sexual harassment. All forms of discrimination and conduct which can be considered harassing, coercive or disruptive, or which create a hostile or offensive environment must be eliminated. Instances of sexual harassment must be investigated in a prompt and effective manner.

All employees of this organization, particularly those in a supervisory or management capacity, are expected to become familiar with the contents of this Policy and to abide by the requirements it establishes.

22-9-2 DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT. According to the Illinois Human Rights Act, sexual harassment is defined as:

Any unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors or any conduct of a sexual nature when:

- (A) submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of an individual's employment;
- (B) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individuals; or
- (C) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

The courts have determined that sexual harassment is a form of discrimination under Title VII of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended in 1991.

One example of sexual harassment is where a qualified individual is denied employment opportunities and benefits that are, instead, awarded to an individual who submits (voluntarily or under coercion) to sexual advances or sexual favors. Another example is where an individual must submit to unwelcome sexual conduct in order to receive an employment opportunity.

Other conduct commonly considered to be sexual harassment includes:

- Verbal: Sexual innuendoes, suggestive comments, insults, humor and jokes about sex, anatomy or gender-specific traits, sexual propositions, threats, repeated requests for dates, or statements about other employees, even outside their presence, of a sexual nature.
- Non-Verbal: Suggestive or insulting sounds (whistling), leering, obscene gestures, sexually suggestive bodily gestures, "catcalls", "smacking" or "kissing" noises.
- Visual: Posters, signs, pin-ups or slogans of a sexual nature.
- Physical: Touching, unwelcome hugging or kissing, pinching, brushing the body, coerced sexual intercourse, or actual assault.

Sexual harassment most frequently involves a man harassing a woman. However, it can also involve a woman harassing a man or harassment between members of the same gender.

The most severe and overt forms of sexual harassment are easier to determine. On the other end of the spectrum, some sexual harassment is more subtle and depends to some extent on individual

perception and interpretation. The trend in the courts is to assess sexual harassment by a standard of what would offend a "reasonable woman" or "reasonable man", depending on the gender of the alleged victim.

An example of the most subtle form of sexual harassment is the use of endearments. The use of terms such as "honey", "darling", and "sweetheart" is objectionable to any women who believe that these terms undermine their authority and their ability to deal with men on an equal and professional level.

Another example is the use of a compliment that could potentially be interpreted as sexual in nature. Below are three statements that might be made about the appearance of a woman in the workplace.

"That's an attractive dress you have on."

"That's an attractive dress. It really looks good on you."

"That's an attractive dress. You really fill it out well."

The first statement appears to be simply a compliment. The last is the most likely to be perceived as sexual harassment depending on the perceptions and values of the person to whom it is directed. To avoid the possibility of offending an employee, it is best to follow a course of conduct above reproach, or to err on the side of caution.

22-9-3 RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES. Each individual employee has the responsibility to refrain from sexual harassment in the workplace.

An individual employee who sexually harasses a fellow worker is, of course, liable for his or her individual conduct.

The harassing employee will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge in accordance with the organization's disciplinary policy and the terms of any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

The organization has designated the Village Clerk to coordinate the organization's sexual harassment policy compliance. Toni Guile can be reached at 495-2234.

22-9-4 RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL. Each supervisor is responsible for maintaining the workplace free of sexual harassment. This is accomplished by promoting a professional environment and by dealing with sexual harassment as with all other forms of employee misconduct.

The courts have found that the organizations as well as supervisors can be held liable for damages related to sexual harassment by a manager, supervisor, employee, or third party (an individual who is not an employee but does business with an organization, such as a customer, contractor, sales representative or repair person).

Liability is either based on an organization's responsibility to maintain a certain level of order and discipline, or on the supervisor acting as an agent of the organization. As such supervisors must act quickly and responsibly not only to minimize their own liability but also that of the organization.

Specifically, a supervisor must address an observed incident of sexual harassment or a complaint, with seriousness, take prompt action to investigate it, report it, and end it, implement appropriate disciplinary action, and observe strict confidentiality. This also applies to cases where an employee tells the supervisor about behavior considered sexual harassment but does not want to make a formal complaint.

In addition, supervisors must ensure that no retaliation will result against an employee making a sexual harassment complaint.

Supervisors in need of information regarding their obligations under this policy or procedures to follow upon receipt of a complaint of sexual harassment should contact Toni Guile, Village Clerk at 495-2234.

22-9-5 PROCEDURES FOR FILING A COMPLAINT OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

(A) **Internal.** An employee who either observes or believes herself/himself to be the object of sexual harassment should deal with the incident(s) as directly and firmly as possible by clearly communicating her/his position to the supervisor, EEO Officer*, and to the offending employee. It is not necessary for the sexual harassment to be directed at the person making the complaint. Each

incident of sexual harassment should be documented or recorded. A note should be made of the date, time, place, what was said or done, and by whom. The documentation may be augmented by written records such as letters, notes, memos, and telephone messages. No one making a complaint of sexual harassment will be retaliated against even if a complaint made in good faith is not substantiated. Any witness to an incident of sexual harassment is also protected from retaliation.

The process for making a complaint about sexual harassment falls into several stages.

- (1) **Direct Communication.** If there is sexually harassing behavior in the workplace, the harassed employee should directly and clearly express her/his objection that the conduct is unwelcome and request that the offending behavior stop. The initial message may be verbal. If subsequent messages are needed, they should be put in writing in a note or a memo.
- (2) **Contact Supervisory Personnel.** At the same time direct communication is undertaken, or in the event the employee feels threatened or intimidated by the situation, the problem must be promptly reported to the immediate supervisor or the EEO Officer. If the harasser is the immediate supervisor, the problem should be reported to the next level of supervision of the EEO Officer.
- (3) **Formal Written Complaint.** An employee may also report incidents of sexual harassment directly to the EEO Officer. The EEO Officer will counsel the reporting employee and be available to assist with filing a formal complaint. The Organization will fully investigate the complaint, and will advise the complainant and the alleged harasser of the results of the investigation.

(B) **External.** The Organization hopes that any incident of sexual harassment can be resolved through the internal process outlined above. All employees, however, have the right to file formal charges with the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) and/or the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). A charge with IDHR must be filed within **one hundred eighty (180) days** of the incident of sexual harassment. A charge with EEOC must be filed within **three hundred (300) days** of the incident.

The Illinois Department of Human Rights may be contacted as follows:

Chicago	(312) 814-6200
Chicago TDD	(312) 263-1579
Springfield	(217) 785-5100
Springfield TDD	(217) 785-5125
Marion	(618) 993-7463

The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission can be contacted as follows:

Chicago	(312) 353-2713
	(800) 669-3362
TDD	(800) 800-3302

An employee who is suddenly transferred to a lower paying job or passed over for promotion after filing a complaint with IDHR or EEOC may file a retaliation charge with either of these agencies. The charges must be filed within **one hundred eighty (180) days (IDHR)** or **three hundred (300) days (EEOC)** of the retaliation. An employee who has been physically harassed or threatened while on the job may also have grounds for criminal charges of assault and battery.

[NOTE: Each organization should adapt the provisions of this Section to the requirements of their existing disciplinary policy and/or terms of any existing collective bargaining agreement. The name of the organization's Human Resources Administrator, Personnel Officer, or other appropriate person should be used if the organization has no EEO Officer.]

22-9-6 FALSE AND FRIVOLOUS COMPLAINTS. False and frivolous charges refer to cases where the accuser is using a sexual harassment complaint to accomplish some end other than stopping sexual harassment. It does not refer to charges made in good faith which cannot be proven. Given the seriousness of the consequences for the accused, a false and frivolous charge is a severe offense that can itself result in disciplinary action.

Policy

As a Federal Grantee, I hereby notify employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in this workplace. As a condition of employment, employees must abide by this policy.

Drug-Free Awareness

Drug abuse in the workplace has major adverse effects on the welfare of all citizens of the United States, and it results in lost productivity each year. Employees who use illegal drugs have three to four times more accidents while at work.

Employees with drug abuse problems should seek help. Employees desiring more information on the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace and those employees needing drug counseling, rehabilitation, or other employee assistance should contact: Community Resource Center, 580 8th St. Carlyle, IL 62231 (618) 594-4581 for assistance.

Employees will be referred to the appropriate resource for available counseling, rehabilitation or other assistance.

Notice of Potential Personnel Actions for Illegal Drug Use On-the-Job

Penalties may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in our workplaces:

1. Employees must notify this employer of any criminal drug statute conviction or a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction.
2. Within 30 days of receiving notice of any criminal drug statute conviction or a violation occurring in the workplace, this employer will take appropriate personnel action against such employee, up to and including termination; or
3. Within 30 days of receiving notice of any criminal drug statute conviction or a violation occurring in the workplace, this employer may require such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

Employee Certification

- ✓ I understand the drug-free workplace policy.
- ✓ I agree, as a condition of my employment, to abide by the terms of this program.
- ✓ I agree to notify this employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction.

Employee Signature

Date

Employer Statement

- ✓ I have explained the policy, drug-free awareness, and potential personnel action statements and have provided the employee's part of this pamphlet to the employee.

Authorized Employer Signature

Date

Village of Hoffman, Illinois
Name of Organization