

**DETERMINATION REGARDING IN-PERSON VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS  
VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD, ILLINOIS  
JUNE 15, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor J.B. Pritzker, declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area in response to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, I issued a Declaration of Emergency pursuant to the authority granted to me by Section 2-137 of “The Municipal Code of the Village of Deerfield, Illinois, 1975,” as amended; Section 11-1-6 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-1- 6; and Section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11; and the home rule powers of the Village, to address the health threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic (“*Emergency Declaration*”); and

**WHEREAS**, since issuance of the Emergency Declaration, the corporate authorities of the Village of Deerfield have approved and extended the duration of the Emergency Declaration through and until the adjournment of the next regular or special or emergency meeting of the corporate authorities of the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-07, which, among other things, suspended certain provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act in order to allow public bodies to hold open meetings virtually, without a quorum present in any one location; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 2020-07 was extended by subsequent Executive Orders issued by the Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Orders, thousands of Illinois public bodies held public meetings virtually using audio or video conferencing; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2020, both houses of the Illinois General Assembly passed Senate Bill 2135, which amended the Illinois Open Meetings Act (“*OMA*”) to add a new Section 7(e); and

**WHEREAS**, new Section 7(e) of the OMA allows public bodies to hold entirely virtual public meetings without a quorum physically present in any one location under certain circumstances and pursuant to certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 29, 2020, in advance of his anticipated approval of Senate Bill 2135, the Governor issued a Disaster Proclamation that declared in-person attendance at public meetings of more than ten people at the regular public meeting location to be not feasible, in accordance with Section 7(e)(4) of the OMA (as contained in Senate Bill 2135); and

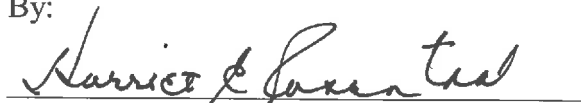
**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2020, the Governor signed Senate Bill 2135 (now known as Public Act 101-0640) which took effect immediately;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Harriet E. Rosenthal, Mayor of the Village of Deerfield, in consideration of the recitals set forth above and pursuant to Section 7(e)(2) of the OMA, 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2), have determined that due to the on-going emergency associated with the COVID-19 pandemic in-person meetings of the Village Board are not practical or prudent at this time and until further notice.

Accordingly, the June 15, 2020 meeting of the Village Board will be conducted virtually. Live audio and a video feed of the meeting will be available. Please check the Village's website for information including notice of the meeting, the locations for audio and video of the meeting, and the opportunity to provide public comment. In addition, the meeting agenda also will include this information. In accordance with Section 7(e)(5) of the OMA, the Village Manager will be present in the Village Hall for the Village Board meeting.

SIGNED AND SEALED with the official seal of the Village of Deerfield on this 15th day of June, 2020.

By:



Harriet E. Rosenthal  
Mayor  
Village of Deerfield



Kent S. Street  
Village Clerk  
Village of Deerfield



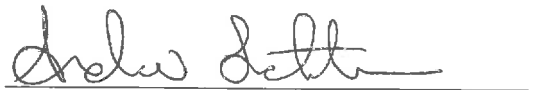
Village Seal

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COUNTY OF LAKE        )

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Harriet E. Rosenthal, the Mayor of the Village of Deerfield, personally known to me, appeared before me, under oath, this day in person and acknowledged that in such capacity he signed and delivered the said instrument, as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and notarial seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

