

DETERMINATION REGARDING IN-PERSON VILLAGE BOARD
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS
JUNE 17, 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 26, 2020, I issued a Declaration of Emergency pursuant to the authority granted to me by: Section 8-47 of the Northbrook Municipal Code (1988), as amended ("**Village Code**"), 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 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 Northbrook 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 infeasible, 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, Sandra E. Frum, President of the Village of Northbrook, 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's Board of Trustees are not practical or prudent at this time and until further notice.

ACCORDINGLY, the June 23th, 2020 meeting of the Village Board of Trustees 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 Boardroom for the Board of Trustees meeting.

SIGNED AND SEALED with the official seal of the Village of Northbrook on this 17th day of June, 2020.

By:

Sandra E. Frum
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Village President
Village of Northbrook



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