
**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2019-016**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AMENDING CHAPTERS 30 AND 31 OF
THE CODE OF BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS**

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WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the “*City*”) is a duly organized and existing city created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, with full powers to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions for the benefits of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) are committed to ensuring the effective administration of government; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities may from time to time amend the text of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois when it is determined to be in the best interests of the City and the residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Aldermen of the City Council (the “*Aldermen*”) may, from time to time, have divergent views and perspectives on issues coming before the City Council due to philosophical and policy making differences from that of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City currently employs a City Attorney, who was temporarily appointed by and serves at the discretion of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Aldermen may, from time to time, choose not to seek legal counsel from the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Aldermen may wish to seek independent legal counsel in the exercise of their legislative duties; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Blue Island for the City Council to retain legislative counsel to independently advise the Aldermen on matters relating to their legislative duties which may include, but are not limited to, the drafting of ordinances, resolutions, motions, contract documents, opinions on the powers of the legislative branch, analysis of the validity of actions taken or proposed by the City, review of litigation issues and providing other advice on matters within the purview of the legislative branch of municipal government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. Chapter 30 ("*City Council*") of Title III ("*Administration*") of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois is hereby amended by adding the underlined language as follows:

§ 30.06 LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL.

(A) It is in the best interests of the city for the Aldermen to retain legislative counsel to independently advise Aldermen on matters relating to their legislative duties which may include, but not be limited to, the drafting of ordinances, opinions on the powers of the legislative branch, analyses of the validity of actions taken by the city, review of litigation issues, representation of the corporate authorities regarding legislative matters in litigation, and providing other advice on matters within the purview of the legislative branch of municipal government.

(B) Aldermen shall each be authorized to seek legal counsel regarding any matters within the range of items specified in subsection A of this section.

(C) The legislative counsel shall be retained as an independent contractor at a rate authorized by the City Council for a term in excess of one year but not exceeding the term of the then-current Mayor. No department or office of legislative counsel is hereby created. The legislative counsel shall not replace or usurp the powers of the City Attorney.

Section 3. Section 31.02 (“*City Attorney*”) of Chapter 31 (“*City Officials*”) of Title III (“*Administration*”) of the Code of Blue Island, Illinois is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language as follows:

§ 31.02 CITY ATTORNEY.

(A) Except as provided otherwise in Chapter 30, ~~the~~ the City Attorney shall conduct all the law business of the city and shall keep in proper books a register of all actions in court prosecuted or defended by the Attorney; such books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Mayor or any member of the City Council.

(B) The City Attorney may ~~shall~~ draft ordinances as may be required of the Attorney by the City Council or by any committee thereof.

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Section 4. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

Section 5. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

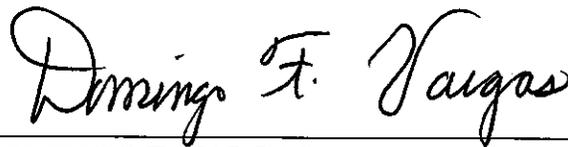
Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, as a matter of urgency, to preserve and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City and its residents pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/1-2-4.

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ADOPTED this 28th day of May, 2019, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

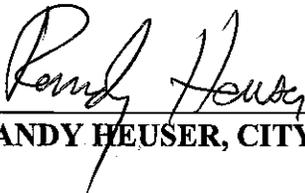
	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman Alexander	X				
Alderman Johnson			X		
Alderman Cazares	X				
Alderman Bilotto	X				
Alderman Rita	X				
Alderman Donahue	X				
Alderman Fahrenwald		X			
Alderman Hawley		X			
Alderman Ringo Hill	X				
Alderman Mech	X				
Alderman Carr	X				
Alderman Cantelo-Zylman	X				
Alderman Slattery	X				
Alderman Klinker	X				
Mayor Vargas					
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APPROVED by the Mayor on May 28, 2019.



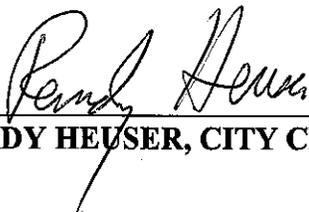
DOMINGO F. VARGAS
 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
 COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
 28th day of May, 2019.



RANDY HEUSER, CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this
 28th day of May, 2019.



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