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

**ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2024- 005**

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OF PASSENGERS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND
WELFARE OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
TO THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND**

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RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, City Clerk
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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 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 Aldermen of the City of Blue Island are charged with the responsibility of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island have the authority to adopt ordinances to promulgate rules, regulations or policies pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, unscheduled intercity buses are attempting to stop unannounced at various times, on different days and at multiple locations near and around the City to unload dozens of passengers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island have determined that the importance of and need for regulations to provide for unscheduled intercity buses will ensure that people are treated fairly and free from deceptive practices, and deem the need to regulate unscheduled intercity buses as an essential element to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island find that the economic stability of the City is dependent upon regulations to ensure that unscheduled intercity buses that arrive in the City do not drain the limited financial resources of the City, jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of bus passengers or visitors to the City or burden the ability of personnel of City emergency service departments to adequately protect and serve the residents and visitors to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island find that it is in the best interests of the City, its employees, its residents, its property owners, and visitors to establish regulations for the safe and orderly stopping, standing, and parking of unscheduled intercity buses and the discharge of passengers within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island determined that the unloading of passengers from an unscheduled intercity bus in inclement or severe weather conditions or at varied unscheduled hours, days, or locations in the City without a coordinated plan poses a significant threat to the health, safety, and welfare of passengers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island further find that time is of the essence due to the incoming inclement weather within the Chicagoland area and the immediate increase in demands on limited City resources resulting from the unloading of passengers from an unscheduled intercity bus within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island determined that a humanitarian crisis will arise within the City as it relates to the unloading and securing of passengers from unscheduled intercity buses; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island find that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City to establish the regulations herein specified to ensure necessary City services and programs are prepared ahead of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen 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 by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety in this Section 1.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island find and declare that the regulations and requirements herein established are to protect and ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City and are undertaken in accordance with and pursuant to the exercise

of the City's police powers and are further herein established and required to protect and ensure the health, safety and welfare of bus passengers and visitors to the City and are found to be essential for the stability and security of the City, its employees, its residents, and its property owners.

Section 3. The purpose of this Ordinance is to approve and adopt the Policy, as defined below, for the benefit of the City, its employees, its residents, and visitors to the City, and to authorize the Police Chief to take any and all action necessary to effectuate and carry out the Policy herein established, including the establishment of additional rules, procedures and general orders to clarify, implement and enforce the Policy.

Section 4. The Policy of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois Establishing Regulations for Unscheduled Intercity Buses and the Discharge of Passengers, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, as Exhibit A (the "Policy"), is hereby authorized and approved.

Section 5. The officials, officers, employees, and attorneys of the City are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the Policy, and to take all action reasonably required in conformity therewith. The officials, officers, employees, and attorneys of the City are hereby further authorized and directed to draft and disseminate any and all necessary applications or forms to be utilized to effectuate and enforce the Policy and this Ordinance.

Section 6. This Ordinance, and its parts, are declared to be severable and any sentence, section, paragraph, sub-paragraph, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance or its Policy is declared unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable said shall be excluded and deemed inoperative or unenforceable, as though not provided for herein, and shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other part of this Ordinance and its Policy, which shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid, and in full force and effect. It is hereby declared to be the express legislative intent of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island that this Ordinance and its Policy would have been authorized and adopted as if no such unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable part was included in this Ordinance or its Policy.

Section 7. All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or orders in conflict with this Ordinance

are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

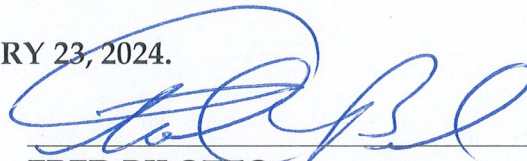
Section 8. This Ordinance is declared to be urgent and necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, and the health, safety and welfare of the general public and shall, therefore, take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Mayor.

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ADOPTED this 23rd day of JANUARY, 2024, pursuant to roll call as follows:

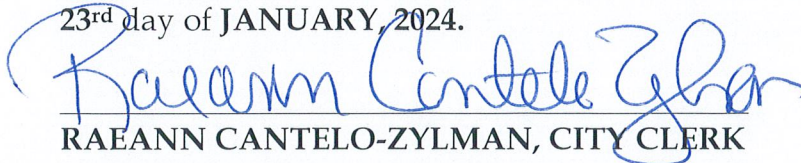
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Alderman JOHNSON	X				
Alderman FAHRENWALD	X				
Alderman RITA	X				
Alderman MONTOYA	X				
Alderman MCGEE			X		
Alderman CARR	X				
Alderman ROLL	X				
Mayor BILOTTO					
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APPROVED by the Mayor on JANUARY 23, 2024.



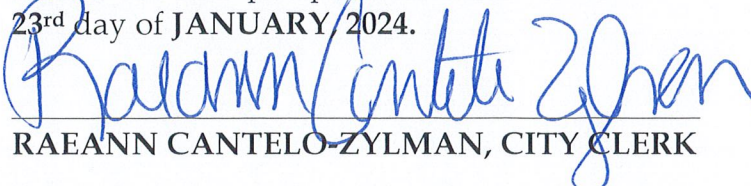
FRED BILOTTO
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
23rd day of JANUARY 2024.



RAEANN CANELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this
23rd day of JANUARY 2024.



RAEANN CANELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF COOK) ss.

CERTIFICATION

I, RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the duly elected City Clerk of the City of Blue Island, Illinois, as such City Clerk, I am the keeper of the minutes and records of the Proceedings of the City Council of the said City and have in my custody the **ORDINANCE** and **BOOKS** of the records of said City.

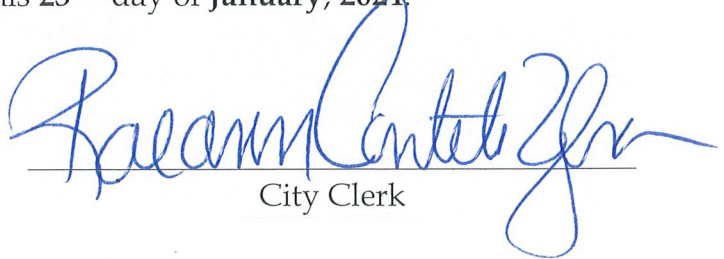
I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the certain **2024 - 005** Entitled: **ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR UNSCHEDULED INTERCITY BUSES, AND THE DISCHARGE OF PASSENGERS TO ENSURE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-005 which was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois held on the **23RD day of January, 2024**; that at said meeting **6** Alderman were present; that at said meeting, on motion duly made and seconded that the Ordinance did pass and on the roll being called the vote of each Aldermen present on the question of the passage of said Ordinance was duly and separately taken by Ayes and Nays and their names and votes recorded in the minutes of **6** Alderman voted Aye and **0** Alderman voted Nay and **0** Alderman voted Abstain and **1** Alderman Absent.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the original Ordinance which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safe keeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the City of Blue Island aforesaid, at the said City in the County and State aforesaid, this **23RD day of January, 2024**.

CORPORATE SEAL



City Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATE

I, RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Blue Island of Cook County, Illinois.

I further certify that on **January 23, 2024**, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. **2024-005**.

Entitled:

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Which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. **2024 - 005** including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance posted in the municipal building commencing on **January 23, 2024**, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the municipal clerk.

DATED at Blue Island, Illinois, this **23rd** day of **January, 2024**.

CORPORATE SEAL

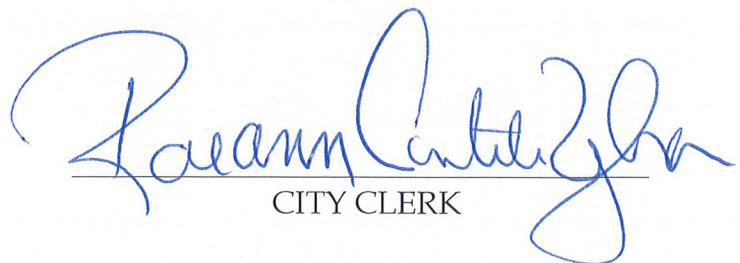

CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

A POLICY OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR UNSCHEDULED INTERCITY BUSES AND THE DISCHARGE OF PASSENGERS

I. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Policy, and the interpretation and application thereof, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein, unless the context in which they are used shall indicate otherwise. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the singular number include the plural number and words in the plural number include the singular number. Words or phrases not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

Application shall mean a form that the Police Chief makes available for receiving and reviewing proposed intercity bus operations.

Approval shall mean written notice that the Police Chief has received, reviewed, and determined that an application satisfies the requirements of the City and this Policy.

Police Chief shall mean the City of Blue Island Police Chief, or Chief of Police, or designee(s).

Regularly Scheduled Intercity Bus shall mean any intercity bus that operates trips on a predictable and recurring basis between two or more designated and authorized locations or established routes, following a fixed schedule that is published in advance and available to the general public, and provides transportation service in exchange for payment of a fare.

Unscheduled Intercity Bus shall mean any intercity bus used for the transportation of passengers originating from a location outside of the Chicago-Naperville-Joliet area that is not a regularly scheduled intercity bus and operating pursuant to written authorization of the Police Chief approving a specific schedule to pick-up or drop-off passengers at an approved location in the City.

City shall mean the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois.

II. Applicability.

The application, review, and approval process pursuant to the limitations and requirements of this Policy for unscheduled intercity buses shall apply to all operators seeking an unscheduled intercity bus service for a specified date, time and location for the loading or unloading of passengers in accordance with approved written authorization as herein required.

III. Notice and Application Required.

The operator of any unscheduled intercity bus must make an application for approval to arrive and load or unload passengers in the City on the appropriate application form made available by the Police Chief. All applications for unscheduled intercity bus service must be received by the Police Chief a minimum of five (5) full business days prior to the requested date of arrival identified in the application. All applications shall include a proposed passenger list, and the operator shall be required to perform background checks on each passenger over the age of eighteen and shall provide copies of the same to the Police Chief as part of the application process. Each application for an unscheduled intercity bus for the unloading of passengers must include an order authorizing such unscheduled intercity bus for the unloading of passengers executed by the head of the public body originating the transfer of or loading of passengers.

IV. Processing and Approval of Application.

Applications for unscheduled intercity buses will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. No more than one (1) application, regardless of operator, shall be approved by the Police Chief for a specific date or location.

V. Passenger Loading and Unloading Day and Hour Restriction.

Approved unscheduled intercity buses shall load or unload passengers within the City only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and not at any time on a Saturday, Sunday, or designated federal, state or City legal holiday.

VI. Passenger Loading and Unloading Location.

Approved unscheduled intercity buses shall only load or unload passengers at a location authorized by the Police Chief, which shall be listed on the approved application.

VII. Punctuality of Passenger Loading and Unloading.

For any given written approval, unscheduled intercity buses must arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before, and no later than 30 minutes after, the approved arrival time, otherwise the application shall be considered invalid. Any loading or unloading of passengers outside of the aforesaid schedule window shall result in a \$750.00 fine per passenger upon the operator.

VIII. Proof of Approved Application to Load or Unload a Passenger.

Every operator of unscheduled intercity buses must carry a physical or electronic copy of an approved application and present it for inspection at the location of loading or unloading passengers at the request of any employee of the City.

IX. Penalty.

Any operator of an unscheduled intercity bus that attempts to or does in fact load or unload passengers without an approved application shall be subject to a \$750.00 fine per passenger.