

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE FOR REFERENDUM SEEKING A PUBLIC ADVISORY OPINION ON
THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO ABOLISH THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Crest Hill has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crest Hill, a non-home rule municipality is authorized by 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60 and 10 ILCS 5/28-5 to submit public questions to the electorate.

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that abolishing the Civil Service Commission for its hiring practices is in the best interest of the City.

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission is a time-consuming practice for hiring staff for the City of Crest Hill and doing away with it would allow the City to fill open positions in a time effective manner.

WHEREAS, it appears the question of abolishing the Civil Service Commission is a controversial matter of concern to the general public.

WHEREAS, the City Council, and Mayor of the City of Crest Hill are desirous of acting in the best interest of their constituency have determined to seek an advisory referendum concerning the proposed actions relative to abolishing the Civil Service Commission for the City's hiring practices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The City Council hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2: That the advisory question of abolishing the Civil Service Commission shall be placed on the ballot for consideration by the electorate of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, at the next regularly scheduled election for which this public question would be eligible to be submitted to the voters by the local election official. The local election official shall make their certifications of this ordinance as required by 10 ILCS 5/28-5 to each election authority having jurisdiction over any of the territory of the City of Crest Hill.

SECTION 3: That a non-binding public opinion response is sought by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois and that the substance of the public question and form shall be as follows:

“Shall the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, abolish civil service as provided in Division 1, Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/10-1-1 et seq.)?”

SECTION 4: The City Clerk shall give the required notices to the election authority as prescribed by Illinois law and shall certify the question to the election authority as provided in section 28-5 of the election code. The ballot for such election shall be substantially in the following form as prescribed by law.

Shall the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, abolish civil service as provided in Division 1, Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/10-1-1 et seq.)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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SECTION 5: In the event that any provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or clauses of this Ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall in no way affect or impair the validity or enforceability of any of the remaining provisions, portions, or clauses of this Ordinance that may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, portion or portions, or clause or clauses.

SECTION 6: That all ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof, conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 7: That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

SECTION 8: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Alderman Scott Dyke
Alderman Angelo Deserio
Alderwoman Claudia Gazal
Alderman Darrell Jefferson
Alderperson Tina Oberlin
Alderman Mark Cipiti
Alderman Nate Albert
Alderman Joe Kubal
Mayor Raymond R. Soliman

Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

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