

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR WATER CUSTOMERS STILL NEEDING TO REPLACE THEIR EXISTING WATER METER WITH THE CITY'S NEW SMART WATER METERS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, have the authority to adopt resolutions and to promulgate rules, regulations, and policies that pertain to the City's government and affairs and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Crest Hill has been transitioning at no cost to the customer all of the City's water customers to a new smart water meter which is capable of being read remotely; and

**WHEREAS**, all but approximately 30 residential water customers have had their water meters replaced with the smart water meters despite repeated attempts by City Staff to notify said water customers of the need to schedule the water meter replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recently amended its Code of Ordinances to establish a Manual Water Meter Reading Charge to those water customers who have not upgraded to the Smart Water Meter; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has been made aware of some water customers who have indicated a financial hardship or barrier to having the Smart Water Meter installed; and

**WHEREAS**, to assist with any financial hardship or barrier to having the Smart Water Meter installed, City Staff have drafted a policy/program for Smart Water Meter Hardship Assistance, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to approve the Smart Water Meter Hardship Assistance Policy and Procedure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, pursuant to its statutory authority, as follows:

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

**SECTION 2: POLICY APPROVED.** The City Council hereby approves the Policy Regarding Smart Water Meter Hardship Assistance attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or provisions of this Resolution is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4: REPEALER.** All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof which conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

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PASSED THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

|                            | Aye   | Nay   | Absent | Abstain |
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| 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   | _____ | _____ | _____  | _____   |

APPROVED THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

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Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

# EXHIBIT A

## (Smart Water Meter Hardship Assistance Policy/Program