

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE LAW OFFICE OF
THERESA A. BERKEY TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF CREST HILL IN A
COLLECTIONS MATTER, AND APPOINTING SAID LAW FIRM AS SPECIAL
COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF CREST HILL**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-2-12 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/2-2-12), the City Council possesses the authority to enter into contracts and initiate litigation as necessary to serve the legitimate corporate purposes of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to take action to collect certain monies owed to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Law Office of Theresa A. Berkey (the "Firm"), is a law firm with experience in the practice of collections actions (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to engage the Firm to provide the Services and the Firm is ready, willing, and able to perform the Services for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Firm has presented the City with an Engagement Letter (the "Agreement") outlining the scope of the Firm's representation of the City (a copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A and fully incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Agreement and determined that the terms, conditions, and provisions of the Agreement are fair, reasonable, and acceptable to the City, and further that it is in the best interests of the City and its citizens to enter into the Agreement with the Firm.

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 of the recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2: AGREEMENT APPROVED. The City Council hereby finds and declares that the terms, conditions, and provisions of the Agreement (Exhibit A) are fair, reasonable, and acceptable to the City and that the same is hereby approved in form and substance. Therefore, the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute and deliver, and the Clerk to attest, the Agreement, and further to take any and all other actions, including without limitation the

execution and delivery of any and all documents, necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, which is to enter into the Agreement with the Firm.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENT. The Mayor hereby appoints, and the City Council hereby approves the appointment of, the Firm as special counsel to the City for the purposes outlined in the Agreement.

SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision 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 5: 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 6: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval, as provided by law.

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PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Alderman John Vershay	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Scott Dyke	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderwoman Claudia Gazal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Darrell Jefferson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderperson Tina Oberlin	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Mark Cipiti	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Nate Albert	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Joe Kubal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Raymond R. Soliman	_____	_____	_____	_____

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A