

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2.12.010 (COMPENSATION) AND 2.12.020 (NUMBER OF ALDERMEN) OF TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL), CHAPTER 2.12 (ALDERMEN) OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois, have 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 is a non-home rule Illinois municipality pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970, as amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/3.1-50-10, the Corporate Authorities of the City are authorized to set and fix the salaries of all municipal officers, employees, and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously exercised this authority by setting the salaries of its elected officials, including its alderpersons, in Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), specifically Chapter 2.12 (Aldermen), Sections 2.12.010 and 2.12.020 of the City's Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City has not increased the compensation of its Alderpersons since 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City have reviewed the compensation ordinances and structures of neighboring communities in Will County and have determined that the City's compensation of its Alderpersons should be increased, and that after more than 25 years without an increase in compensation, the City's Alderperson compensation Ordinance should be amended and the compensation for the next elected term of Alderpersons increased; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code prohibits the increase or diminishment of salaries or other compensation which takes effect during the term of an official holding an elective office (65 ILCS 5/3.1-50-5); and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code requires that compensation fixed by ordinance for those officers holding elective office for a definite term be fixed at least 180 days before the beginning of the term of the officers whose compensation is to be fixed (65 ILCS 5/3.1-50-10); and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City have determined to amend its compensations ordinance for Alderpersons and authorize and fix the compensation of Alderpersons elected in 2027 and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the increased compensation as set forth herein shall not apply during the existing terms of the currently serving Alderpersons, but shall become applicable and effective beginning in 2027 for those Alderpersons elected in 2027 and Alderpersons elected after 2027; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is not intended to increase or diminish the compensation of any Alderperson during the term of any currently serving Alderperson; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is being passed more than 180 days before the next municipal election of City Alderpersons; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City have determined that increasing the compensation for Alderpersons elected in 2027 and thereafter, is necessary, expedient, and in the best interests of the City and its citizens.

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

SECTION 1. The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all 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 Sections 2.12.010 (Compensation) and 2.12.020 (Number of Aldermen) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.12 (Aldermen) of the City of Crest Hill Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed in their entirety and replaced with the following:

CHAPTER 2.12: ALDERPERSONSⁱ

Section

2.12.010	Alderperson Compensation
2.12.020	Number of Alderpersons

2.12.010 ALDERPERSON COMPENSATION.

(A) From and after May 1, 2023, each Alderperson elected in 2023 and 2025 shall be paid \$200 per City Council meeting (including special meetings) actually attended.

(B) From and after May 1, 2023, each Alderperson elected in 2023 and 2025 shall be paid \$55 per City Council Work Session or City Council Committee meeting. There shall be no limit on the number of Work Sessions or Committee meetings per month for which an Alderperson may be paid. In computing yearly absences, the paid absence allowances shall be applied first to regular or special City Council meetings, and then to Work Sessions or Committee meetings.

(C) From and after May 1, 2027, each Alderperson elected or appointed to fill out the term of an Alderperson elected after 2027, shall receive a maximum total compensation of \$1,000 per month.

(D) Each Alderperson elected or appointed after May 1, 2027, shall be allowed:

- One (1) absence from a City Council or Special City Council meeting without deduction, per fiscal year.
- One (1) absence from a City Council Work Session or Special Work Session without deduction, per fiscal year.
- One (1) absence from a City Council Committee meeting or Liaison meeting without deduction, per fiscal year.

For all other absences beyond the foregoing allowed absences, each Alderperson elected or appointed after May 1, 2027, shall have deducted from their monthly compensation the following:

- \$250 for each City Council or Special City Council Meeting missed.
- \$100 for each City Council Work Session or Special Work Session missed.
- \$50 for each City Council Committee meeting or Liaison meeting missed.

('78 Code, § 2.12.010) (Ord. 29, passed - -61; Am. Ord. 611, passed - -85; Am. Ord. 875, passed 2-15-93; Am. Ord. 1002, passed 10-7-96; Am. Ord. 1165, passed 10-16-00; Am. Ord. 1263, passed 9-16-02)

§ 2.12.020 NUMBER OF ALDERPERSONS.

The city shall retain eight alderpersons, the number that existed prior to the 2010 federal decennial census, as authorized by the Illinois Municipal Code, ILCS Ch. 65, Act 5, § 3.1-20-10.

(Ord. 1585, passed 12-19-11)

¹ For statutory provisions on the election and qualification of city Alderpersons, see 65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-20 *et. seq.*

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

SECTION 6. 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.

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PASSED THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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	_____	_____	_____	_____

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk
