

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

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATED AND EXTENDED INDEPENDENT  
CONTRACTOR CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF CREST HILL, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND RONALD MENTZER**

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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 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 5/2-212), the City Council possesses the authority to enter into contracts that serve the legitimate corporate purposes of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Mentzer (the "Consultant"), is an individual who is qualified to render community development, economic development, municipal tax increment financing, organizational and operational efficiency, staff development, and other management consulting services (the "Services"); and

**WHEREAS**, Consultant was previously leased to the City of Crest Hill through a contract with MGT where he functioned as the City's interim Community and Economic Development Director for a period of 16 months; and

**WHEREAS**, thereafter, the City Council determined to engage the Consultant to provide the Services to assist with certain projects in the Community and Economic Development Department after the hiring of Patrick Ainsworth as Director of Community and Economic Development;

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Ainsworth resigned from his position with the City of Crest Hill effective July 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the Independent Contractor Consulting Services Agreement with Ronald Mentzer should now be extended to allow him to continue to handle certain projects within the City on which he has been working as well as to have him act as the Interim Director of Community and Economic Development until Daniel Ritter begins his employment with the City of Crest Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, City Staff have negotiated an Amended Independent Contractor Consulting Services Agreement (the "Agreement") with the Consultant which extends his services and compensates him for temporarily acting as the Director of Community and Economic Development until the newly appointed Community and Economic Development Director, Daniel Ritter begins his employment with the City of Crest Hill, (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 conditions, terms, and provisions of the Agreement are fair, reasonable, and acceptable to the City, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City and its citizens to enter into the Agreement with the Consultant.

**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 a part hereof.

**SECTION 2: AGREEMENT APPROVED.** The City Council hereby finds and declares that the conditions, terms, 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, when finalized, 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 Consultant.

**SECTION 3: 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 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 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2025.

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

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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2025.

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Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

# Exhibit A