

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CROSS ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT BY
AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CREST HILL AND THE WHITE OAK LIBRARY
DISTRICT**

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, the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*) authorizes municipalities to exercise jointly with any public agency of the State, including other units of local government, any power, privilege, or authority which may be exercised by a unit of local government individually, and to enter into contracts for the performance of governmental services, activities, and undertakings; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10, of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 provides that units of local government may contract or otherwise associate among themselves to obtain or share services and to exercise, combine or transfer any power or function in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the White Oak Library District (the "Library District") is an Illinois public library district duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crest Hill (hereinafter referred to as "Crest Hill"), is an Illinois municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Library District is the owner of certain real property commonly known as 20670 City Center Boulevard, Crest Hill, Illinois, identified by Property Index Number 11-04-29-302-012-0000 (the "Library Property"); and

WHEREAS, Crest Hill is the owner of certain real property commonly known as 20650 and 20660 City Center Boulevard, Crest Hill, Illinois, identified by Property Index Number 11-04-29-302-013-0000 (the "City Property"); and

WHEREAS, Crest Hill is developing a public park, playground, and recreational area known as Crest Hill Commons on the City Property, which will include public recreational amenities and associated pedestrian and vehicular access improvements; and

WHEREAS, Crest Hill and the Library District desire to establish reciprocal, perpetual, nonexclusive easements for pedestrian, vehicular, emergency, and related access over designated portions of their respective properties to facilitate coordinated public access, circulation, safety, and use of the City Property and Library Property; and

WHEREAS, Crest Hill has prepared a Cross Access Easement Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit 1 which establishes the respective rights and obligations of Crest Hill and the Library District concerning the use, construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, insurance and other matters relating to the designated access areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement, Crest Hill will be responsible for the design, permitting, and construction of the access improvements associated with the Crest Hill Commons project, together with the maintenance, repair, and replacement obligations expressly assigned to the Crest Hill, subject to the specific allocation of snow removal and ice control responsibilities set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2026, the Library District Board passed Resolution 2026/10-27 approving the Cross Access Easement Agreement subject to final attorney modification and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities for the City of Crest Hill have reviewed the Cross Access Easement Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and determined that the conditions, terms, and provisions of the Agreement are fair, reasonable, and acceptable to Crest Hill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, pursuant to its statutory and Constitutional 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: CROSS ACCESS AGREEMENT APPROVED. The City Council hereby finds and declares that the conditions, terms, and provisions of the Cross Access Easement Agreement (Exhibit 1) are fair, reasonable, and acceptable to Crest Hill and that the same is hereby approved in form and substance, subject to such modifications of the Agreement as may be necessary or appropriate to complete and finalize the Agreement, including the insertion of resolution numbers, dates, effective date, and corrections to legal descriptions or exhibits, provided that such modifications do not materially alter the rights, responsibilities, financial obligations, or liabilities of Crest Hill as approved by the Corporate Authorities. Therefore, the City Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute and deliver, and the Clerk to attest, the Cross Access Easement 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 Cross Access Easement Agreement with the White Oak Library District.

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 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

	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	_____	_____	_____	_____

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.

Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
(CROSS ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT)