

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD L. CLARK, III AS
CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL AND APPROVING AN
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CREST HILL,
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND EDWARD L CLARK, III**

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 that serve the legitimate corporate purposes of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Crest Hill, Will County, Illinois have the authority to create and maintain a police department and enforce all necessary police ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have previously exercised said authority by the passage of Chapter 2.56 of the City of Crest Hill Code of Ordinances which, among other things, creates the City of Crest Hill Police Department as an executive department of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code and Section 2.56.030 of the City of Crest Hill Code of Ordinances vest the Mayor with the power and authority to appoint a Chief of Police, with the advice, consent, and approval of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the current Chief of Police, Edward L. Clark, III, has served as the Chief of Police since 2017; and

WHEREAS, the current contract between Edward L. Clark, III and the City of Crest Hill expired at the end of the Mayor's prior term; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Crest Hill has appointed Edward L. Clark to serve for an additional 4-year term as the Chief of Police and Edward L. Clark has indicated his willingness to accept the appointment on the terms and conditions contained in the Employment Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the appointment of Edward L. Clark, III to the position of Chief of Police for the City of Crest Hill should be approved; 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 approve the Appointment of Edward L. Clark, III as Chief of Police and to enter into the Employment Agreement with Edward L. Clark, III.

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: EDWARD L. CLARK, III APPOINTED AS CHIEF OF POLICE. The City Council hereby approves the appointment of Edward L. Clark, III as Chief of Police.

SECTION 3: AGREEMENT APPROVED. The City Council hereby finds and declares that the conditions, terms, and provisions of the Employment 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 Employment Agreement, and further to take all other actions, including without limitation the execution and delivery of all documents, necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, which is to enter into the Agreement with Edward L. Clark, III.

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 publication according to law.

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PASSED THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

| | Aye | Nay | Absent | Abstain |
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| 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 JUNE, 2025.

Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A