

## Amended Ordinance 1918

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Council Members,

Attached for your review is the Amendment to Ordinance 1918 as was requested by Alderperson Oberlin at the August 1, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Pursuant to my statutory veto power, I am returning Ordinance 1918 to the Council. The reasons for my decision to veto this Ordinance were provided in my comments during the meeting of August 1, 2022, and are listed below:

1. Having the Finance Director report to an Elected Official would be a poor management practice that will create confusion, create conflict, and create inefficiencies, that will disrupt the day-to-day operations of the Office.

2. In my opinion, the amendments of Ordinance 1918 are not good government. How do you justify the efficiency of having a Finance Director reporting directly to an elected part time City Treasurer, who is present one to five hours per week in this building, to manage the day-to-day operations of the Treasurer's Office when you have a 20-year professional, full time City Administrator, who is present in this building 40 hours per week, to manage the day to day operations of that office.

3. The actions taken by City Council on August 1, 2022 are not in the best interest of the City of Crest Hill.

I will be formally returning the ordinance at the August 15, 2022 meeting as required by the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-45).

Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-55, Ordinance 1918 will be placed on the agenda for reconsideration at the Council Meeting scheduled for September 6.

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## **ORDINANCE NO. 1918**

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL), CHAPTER 26 (FINANCE DIRECTOR) OF THE CREST HILL CITY CODE**

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Crest Hill has 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**, pursuant to Section 3.1-30-5(a) of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/3.1-30-5(a)), the Mayor is authorized to appoint, subject to the advice and consent of the City Council, any and all officers necessary to carry into effect the powers conferred upon the City by the constitution and laws of the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council previously exercised this grant of authority to create the office of Finance Director for the City of Crest Hill, as set forth in Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 26 (Finance Director); and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities of the City are empowered to amend its Code of Ordinances from time to time, as necessary to further the best interests of the City of Crest Hill and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities of the City have determined that it is in the best interests of the City and its citizens to amend the Ordinance relating to the position of City Finance Director in Title 2, Chapter 26 of the City Code as set forth herein.

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

**SECTION 1:** The City Council hereby finds that all of 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:** Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 26 (Finance Director) of the Crest Hill City Code is hereby repealed and replaced, in its entirety, with the following:

#### **CHAPTER 26: FINANCE DIRECTOR**

##### *Section*

*2.26.010 Creation of office; appointment*

*2.26.020 Salary*

*2.26.030 Duties and responsibilities*

#### **§ 2.26.010 CREATION OF OFFICE; APPOINTMENT.**



The office of Finance Director is created. The Finance Director shall serve as head of the Treasurer's Office and shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. The Finance Director shall report to the City Treasurer. (Ord. 1689, passed 5-18-15; Am. Ord 1869, passed 8-2-21)

#### **§ 2.26.020 SALARY.**

The annual salary of the Finance Director shall be in an amount as fixed by the City Council. (Ord. 1689, passed 5-18-15; Am. Ord 1869, passed 8-2-21)

#### **§ 2.26.030 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

The Finance Director shall have the following duties:

- (A) Effectuates city financial policies and practices and represents the city's interests by taking or recommending discretionary actions that effectively control or implement city financial policy.
- (B) Supervises and directs the employees of the Treasurer's Office and Utility Billing by consistently using independent judgment for the scheduling of employees, evaluating employee performance, correcting employee deficiencies, and effectively recommending the hiring, suspension, promotion, discharge and discipline of Treasurer's Office and Utility Billing employees.
- (C) Management and supervision of month-end processing including but not limited to journal entries, posting revenue and manual items, reviewing accounts payable and clearing accounts, posting payroll and benefits, reconciling all cash and investment accounts, posting all interest earned, reviewing and producing all monthly financial material listed on Council agendas, accounts payable and payroll posting to general ledger.
- (D) Budget preparation through EXCEL, including revenue estimates, salary and benefit calculations for all employee groups, all year end estimates, posting final numbers to general ledger, City Council presentations at budget sessions, department submittal reviews and meetings, final document, all lines of insurance calculations, debt service reserve calculations.
- (E) Audit work-paper preparation including accounting system year end close, year-end accrual calculations and posting, confirmation letters, capital construction contracts, utility billing calculations.
- (F) Payroll quarterly reporting: 941's, IMRF, police pension, unemployment, state

and federal, annual W2's, and preparation of 1099 forms.

- (G) Banking duties: daily deposit review, bank reconciliations, all city banking communications, investment monitoring, wire transfers, manual checks.
- (H) Attend City Council meetings and work sessions as required. Prepares reports for the Mayor, City Council and City Administrator as required including the following monthly reports to be submitted by the 15th of the month for the previous month:
  - (1) Statement of receipts and source thereof.
  - (2) Statement of actual expenditures by general ledger account only; that is. not to include departmental expenditures.
  - (3) Statement of cash transactions and balances in bank by fund, which statement shall include the following:
    - (a) Beginning cash balances on first of month, receipts, disbursements, and end of month cash balances; and
    - (b) The end of month balances should be reflected by fund and by bank account, showing the name of the bank, the account name and balance.
  - (4) A complete list of obligations or accounts payable, including unpaid tax warrants, notes payable, bonds payable or any other balances or obligations payable, including due dates of each obligation.
- (I) Bring to the attention of the City Council, at the time a purchase is proposed, the fact that such purchase might result in over-expended appropriation. Transfers between appropriations must be approved by the City Council before such transfer is made.
- (J) Supervise verification and payment of invoices, preparation of vouchers, and preparation of accounts payable ledger by vendor and by fund.
- (K) Oversight and management of the Property Tax Rebate Check Program.
- (L) Oversight, management, and compliance with GFOA criteria and requirements.
- (M) Preparation and submission of the Annual Tax Levy.
- (N) Create a separate account for any project for which public funds in excess of

Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) are to be expended, regularly monitor said account and expenditures, and report monthly to the City Council regarding the status of said project and account.

- (O) With respect the account(s) and projects as designated in Paragraph (N), the Finance Director shall immediately, or as soon as practicable, inform the City Council, City Treasurer, City Administrator and Mayor of any expenses which exceed the budgeted amounts for said project.
- (P) Perform other duties as assigned by the City Treasurer.

(Ord. 1689, passed 5-18-15; Am. Ord. 1702, passed 12-21-15; Am. Ord 1869, passed 8-2-21)

**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 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

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

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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

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Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk