ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ILLINOIS PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS ACT FOR THE CITY OF CREST HILL

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, the City of Crest Hill is a non-home rule Illinois municipality; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 12, 2023, Governor JB Pritzker signed into law the Paid Leave for All Workers Act (820 ILCS 192/1 *et seq.*) (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois did not make the necessary appropriations or include statutory language exempting the Act from the Illinois State Mandates Act (30 ILCS 805/1 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2024, the Act requires an employer to provide certain paid leave to their employees, unless the employer is subject to an existing municipal or county ordinance that requires the employer to provide any form of paid leave to their employees; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of paid leave and currently provides reasonable paid leave benefits to its employees; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that applying the Act to its own employees will negatively impact the City and place and undue financial and operation burden on the City's ability to provide uninterrupted services to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City believes and hereby declares that it is in the best interests of the City to clearly define paid leave benefits that City employees shall receive; and

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 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: Pursuant to Section 15(p) of the Act, the City hereby adopts its current paid leave policies for all City employees as set forth in the City's Code of Ordinances, Employee Handbook, Annual Salary Ordinances, any collective bargaining agreements to which the City is a party and all other binding legislative actions governing paid leave adopted by the City Council as the same may be amended from time to time. However, in no event shall the City, as an employer, provide less than one (1) day of paid leave per year to any City employee.

SECTION 3. All ordinances, resolutions, and policies or parts thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance or any of its provisions, to the extent of the conflict, are expressly repealed on the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

SECTION 5. The clerk is directed by the corporate authorities to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/1-2-4.

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PASSED THIS 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Alderman John Vershay				
Alderman Scott Dyke				
Alderwoman Claudia Gazal				
Alderman Darrell Jefferson				
Alderperson Tina Oberlin				
Alderman Mark Cipiti				
Alderman Nate Albert				
Alderman Joe Kubal				
Mayor Raymond R. Soliman				
APPROVED THIS 4 TH DAY OF DECEMBE	ER, 2023.			
Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor				
ATTEST:				
Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk				