

**ORDINANCE NO. M-2388**

**AN ORDINANCE ALLOCATING \$1,602,984 FROM THE VILLAGE'S  
GENERAL FUND TO THE HOMEWOOD POLICE AND FIRE PENSION  
FUNDS TO MAKE UP FOR AN EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION DEFICIT  
CAUSED BY PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION SHORTFALLS DURING THE  
PERIOD MAY 1, 2014, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood maintains separate pension funds for its full-time police officers and firefighter-paramedics, as required by state law; and

WHEREAS, these pension programs are funded by employee and employer contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Village funds the employer contributions through its annual property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, although the Village consistently levies at least the minimum contribution amount required by state law, the amount of property taxes collected has historically been less than 100%, thereby reducing the funds paid into the pension plans; and

WHEREAS, because the Village did not receive all of the property taxes allocated for its police and fire pension contributions, a \$1,602,984 shortfall in police and fire pension funding has accumulated over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees find that it is in the Village's best interest to make employer contributions totaling \$1,602,984 to the Police and Fire Pension Funds over the next three (3) years, utilizing available unassigned general fund reserves above the Village's minimum five (5) month minimum fund balance policy, to make up for the property tax collection shortfalls over the last ten years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS:**

The above recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance as if fully restated here.

**SECTION TWO – ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE PENSION FUNDS:**

The Village’s employer contributions to eliminate the \$1,602,984 deficit will be repaid as follows:

- (a) Three payments in equal installments will be made to each of the pension funds based on the calculated deficit.
- (b) The annual fire pension payment will be \$151,235.33.
- (c) The annual police pension payment will be \$383,092.67.
- (d) The first payment shall be made in April 2026.
- (e) Two subsequent payments will be made in April 2027 and April 2028.

**SECTION THREE – EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law, but shall automatically expire and be of no further force or effect once the above payments have been made.

PASSED and APPROVED this 9th day of December, 2025.

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Village President

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENCES: \_\_\_\_\_