

# PROCLAMATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

*WHEREAS*, the Village recognizes members of the community who serve on Village boards and commissions for greater than 15 years as having performed uniquely distinguished service worthy of public recognition and celebration;

*WHEREAS*, the Planning and Zoning Commission serves an essential function of the Village of Homewood, invested with powers granted by both State statutes and Village ordinances to make decisions to guide the orderly growth and development of the Village of Homewood;

*WHEREAS*, such functions are served by volunteers of the Village of Homewood, who dedicate time and resources to carefully review and understand complex planning matters affecting the Village before making decisions or essential recommendations to the Board of Trustees on such matters;

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Fred Sierzega of Homewood, Illinois, has served in varying capacities on the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission since 1977, appointed by former Village President Manny Hoffman and serving for over 49 years as a member of the Commission;

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Fred Sierzega has served as the Chair of the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission since 1999, presiding over Commission meetings and stewarding the Commission's decision-making role for over 27 years;

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Fred Sierzega has provided invaluable contributions to the planning and development of the Village, strengthening the Village's decision-making on matters affecting the physical appearance and form of the Village, carefully administering the Village's Zoning Ordinance, and ensuring that the Village's planning decisions are made on sound and rational reasoning and careful consideration of the long-term impacts of Village planning and zoning decisions.

THEREFORE, I, Richard A. Hofeld, President of the Village of Homewood, Illinois do hereby present this proclamation to Mr. Fred Sierzega for his dedicated service to the Village, and I urge all of our citizens to join the Village Board of Trustees and Village Staff in recognizing and honoring the contributions of Fred's work for the improvement of the Village, as well as his demonstration of exemplary, long-running public service to the Village and its residents.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Homewood to be affixed hereto this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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Village President