

RESOLUTION NO. R-3241

A RESOLUTION RESTRICTING THE USE OF VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD PROPERTY FOR CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood has a fundamental responsibility to safeguard the health, safety, and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood has a population made up of diverse cultures and backgrounds, who all contribute to our rich cultural and social fabric, contributing every day to our vibrant economy and educational systems; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood remains committed to its responsibilities under the law while ensuring that every person, regardless of race, immigration status, or national origin, is treated with dignity and afforded basic protections; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood, Village Board stands for basic human rights that allow our residents to live in peace in their own neighborhoods and calls for due process for all individuals in our nation; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the State of Illinois passed the TRUST Act, which prohibits state and local law enforcement from participating in federal immigration operations, and the TRUST Act also prohibits the use of Village resources for onsite support in federal civil immigration enforcement operations, including establishing traffic perimeters, use of Village facilities, parking lots, vacant lots, and garages; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood does not assist with or participate in federal immigration enforcement activities and is not notified in advance of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions taking place throughout the Village or on Village property; and

WHEREAS, federal agents recently deployed to Illinois and the Chicago metropolitan and South Suburban area have used Village and publicly owned parking lots and vacant lots in other communities as staging sites for civil immigration enforcement operations; and

WHEREAS, use of Village of Homewood facilities and property for federal civil immigration enforcement operations would not only violate the TRUST Act but would also interfere with the Village's authority and control over its own resources, property, and personnel, and erode trust between the Village of Homewood residents and local law enforcement, weakening relationships essential to ensuring public safety and effective community policing; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood supports the constitutional rights of all residents of the Village and affirms its dedication to be a safe and inclusive community for all; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood objects to the incursions into local communities and neighborhoods disrupting the lives of law-abiding residents and the instances in our region where enforcement has led to injury and physical and emotional trauma; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood upholds its right to declare specific its property private or for employee use only, thereby preventing those areas to be used to assemble, mobilize, deploy vehicles, equipment, or materials or related personnel for the purpose of carrying out civil immigration enforcement efforts; and

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

SECTION ONE:

That the Village Board of the Village of Homewood, Illinois finds as fact all of the preamble recitals of this Resolution.

SECTION TWO:

That the Village Board of Trustees hereby enacts a Resolution that places "RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY," as described fully in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION THREE:

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect, and shall be controlling, upon its passage and approval.

SECTION FOUR:

That any section, phrase or paragraph of this Resolution that is construed to be invalid, void or unconstitutional shall not affect the remaining sections, phrases or paragraphs of this Resolution which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION TWO – EFFECTIVE DATE:

This resolution shall be in full force after its passage, approval, and publication in accordance with the law.

PASSED and APPROVED this 11th day of November, 2025.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSTENTIONS: _____ ABSENCES: _____

EXHIBIT A

Village owned property

- 2020 Chestnut Road – parking lot
- 17701 Bretz Drive - vacant property
- 1221 175th Street – vacant office building and parking lot
- 1313 175th Street – vacant office building and parking lot
- Public Works (17755 Ashland Avenue) including water plants, sanitary lift stations, elevated tanks
- Public Works Landscape & Maintenance Building 18359 Pierce Avenue
- Brian Carey Training Center (BCTC) – 1023 191st Street
- 505 Building (2056 Ridge Road) – vacant office building
- Village Parking Lots - Kroner Lane, Hickory Road, Blueberry Hill area public parking, Martin Square, Metra Harwood & Park Avenue – commuter lots, Terrace Road - Parking lot
- 18157 Dixie Hwy – Retail Building parking lot
- 18811 Dixie Hwy – vacant parking lot (*south east corner of Terrace Road and Dixie Hwy.*)

