

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



**BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**DATE OF MEETING: March 12, 2024**

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**To:** Village President and Board of Trustees

**Through:** Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

**From:** John Schaefer, Director of Public Works

**Topic:** Groundwater Ordinance for Royal Road & 187<sup>th</sup> Street

## **PURPOSE**

The Village of Homewood has been asked to pass a groundwater ordinance for property in the Village of Homewood that is located near the gas station at Halsted Street and 187<sup>th</sup> Street in the Village of Glenwood. The groundwater ordinance is required for the gas station owner to receive a No Further Remediation (NFR) letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

## **PROCESS**

Several years ago, there were releases of fuel from underground storage tanks at the gas station property. The owner of the gas station has completed the remediation site work, which was approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. This included removing and replacing the underground storage tanks on the property. The owner is seeking to obtain a No Further Remediation (NFR) letter from the State. This letter is a certification from the Illinois Bureau of Land that the site owner or operator has satisfied State statutory and regulatory requirements to remediate the spill. One requirement for a NFR letter is that the municipality near the spill site approve a groundwater ordinance.

The Village of Homewood is required to pass this ordinance since the contamination has traveled beyond the property limits of the gas station. The ordinance will prohibit the use of groundwater as a potable water supply within the corporate limits of the Village of Homewood delineated within the proposed ordinance. This prohibition expressly includes the Village of Homewood. The parcels and rights-of-way comprising this area are described in the proposed ordinance.

## **OUTCOME**

The passage of this ordinance will prohibit the use of groundwater as a potable water supply, by the installation or drilling of wells or by any other method, within the area delineated in the proposed ordinance.

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## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

- **Funding Source:** N/A
- **Budgeted Amount:** N/A

## **LEGAL REVIEW**

Completed

## **RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION**

Pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of groundwater as a potable water supply, by the installation or use of potable water supply wells or by any other method, for certain properties along Royal Road and 187th Street, including rights-of-way within the Village of Homewood.

## **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Groundwater Ordinance