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Ogle County, Illinois

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MANAGEMENT SERVICES SOFTWARE**

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WHEREAS, Section 7 of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that a municipality that is not a home rule unit shall only have the powers granted to them by law and as such the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois being a non-home rule unit pursuant to the provisions of said Section 7 of Article VII, and may exercise only the powers expressly granted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly granted non-home rule municipalities broad authority to “pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities.” 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1; and

WHEREAS, while “non-home rule municipalities have the authority to enact ordinances, such ordinances may in no event conflict with state law or prohibit what a state statute expressly permits . . . A local ordinance may impose more rigorous or definite regulations in addition to those enacted by the state legislature so long as they do not conflict with the statute.” (*Village of Wauconda v. Hutton*, 291 Ill. App. 3d 1058, 1060 (1997)); and

WHEREAS, Rochelle Municipal Utilities is responsible for the maintenance and removal of vegetation which may interfere with and interrupt the electrical system services in the community; and

WHEREAS, RMU has identified an opportunity to strengthen its infrastructure management and vegetation control efforts using AiDash—an artificial-intelligence platform built specifically for utilities; and

WHEREAS, AiDash Inc., is the only vendor in the AI/Satellite imagery vegetation management field; and

WHEREAS, AiDash’s unique service uses satellite imagery and data analytics to help utilities monitor and maintain their systems more efficiently. Rather than relying solely on manual inspections and routine trimming cycles, AiDash provides insight into which areas pose the greatest reliability risks; and

WHEREAS, AiDash Inc., has provided an Agreement for use of the platform for five years at a rate of \$54,000 a year; and

WHEREAS, utilizing AiDash will allow staff to prioritize maintenance where it will have the most impact; saving time, money, and resources; and

WHEREAS, the City may waive competitive bidding requirements by a two-thirds vote of the City Council pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-9-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code and Section 2-371 of the Rochelle Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Rochelle that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to waive competitive bidding and authorize a five-year agreement with AiDash, Inc.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS:

SECTION ONE: That the City hereby incorporates all of the recitals above into this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION TWO: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochelle hereby waive the competitive bidding requirements and approve a five-year agreement for the use of AiDash platform in the amount of \$54,000 a year. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to enter into the Agreement with AiDash, Inc., subject to review and revision by the City attorney.

SECTION THREE: 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 FOUR: Where the conditions imposed by any provisions of this Ordinance are more restrictive than comparable provisions imposed elsewhere in any other local law, ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation, the regulations of this Ordinance will govern.

SECTION FIVE: The City Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

SECTION SIX: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

APPROVED THIS 10th day of October 2025.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE

I, _____, City Clerk of the City of Rochelle, County of Ogle and State of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. _____, "AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH AIDASH INC., FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES SOFTWARE" which was adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochelle on October 10, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of Rochelle this 10th day of October 2025.

CITY CLERK