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**THE CITY OF ROCHELLE**  
**Ogle County, Illinois**

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**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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Date Passed: March 23, 2026**

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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**, the Illinois Open Meeting Act provides for the semi-annual review of closed session meeting minutes, 5 ILCS/120 2.06; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Open Meeting Act requires that minutes of closed sessions should be made public once a public body determines that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interests or the privacy of an individual by keeping the minutes confidential, *Id.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Rochelle, in closed session, has reviewed and approved the minutes of past closed sessions currently kept in a closed file; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Rochelle, has determined that a need for confidentiality still exists as to the minutes from the closed session meetings listed on Attachment “A” to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Rochelle has further determined that the need for confidentiality no longer exists as to the minutes from the closed session meetings listed on Attachment “B” to this resolution and that these minutes should be made available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Rochelle have previously determined that the need for confidentiality no longer exists, but redactions are necessary, as to the minutes from the closed session meetings listed on Attachment "C" to this resolution and that these redacted minutes should be remain redacted but available for public inspection; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Rochelle, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to release the closed session minutes as listed on Attachment "B" to this resolution.

PASSED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

**ATTACHMENT A**

Executive Minutes to remain confidential:

August 24, 2015	August 22, 2023
February 9, 2017	September 25, 2023
March 13, 2017	October 23, 2023
April 9, 2018	November 27, 2023
May 29, 2018	January 22, 2024
June 25, 2018	February 12, 2024
July 9, 2018	February 26, 2024
October 9, 2018	March 25, 2024
January 14, 2019	April 8, 2024
June 24, 2019	April 22, 2024
November 12, 2019	May 13, 2024
January 13, 2020	September 24, 2024
February 10, 2020	July 8, 2024
March 9, 2020	August 21, 2024
July 13, 2020	September 9, 2024
August 24, 2020	November 12, 2024
September 28, 2020	December 9, 2024
November 9, 2020	February 10, 2025
January 11, 2021	February 24, 2025
March 8, 2021	March 10, 2025
May 24, 2021	March 24, 2025
June 14, 2021	
August 9, 2021	
August 23, 2021	
September 27, 2021	
October 12, 2021	
October 25, 2021	
November 8, 2021	
November 22, 2021	
December 13, 2021	
April 25, 2022	
October 11, 2022	
January 23, 2023	
February 27, 2023	
March 27, 2023	
April 10, 2023	
April 24, 2023	
June 12, 2023	
July 10, 2023	
August 14, 2023	
August 22, 2023	





STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF OGLE        )     SS.

CERTIFICATE

I, Rose Huéramo, 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 Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES" which was adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochelle on March 23, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of Rochelle this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026.

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CITY CLERK