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Ogle County, Illinois

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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 City of Rochelle, Illinois, an Illinois municipal corporation, operates Rochelle Municipal Airport – Koritz Field; and

WHEREAS, the City has obtained an insurance proposal from Chubb Insurance for aircraft hangar and aviation liability coverage for the airport from April 1, 2026 through April 1, 2029 (attached herein as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, aircraft hangar and aviation liability coverage is specifically excluded by RMA (and was excluded by the City’s previous carriers, including ICRMT and IMIC) as aviation liability is a highly specialized coverage within the insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, the proposed coverage will protect the City against third-party bodily injury and property damage caused by aircraft operations; and

WHEREAS, the three-year coverage term allows the City to lock-in the insurance premium through April of 2029 shielding the City from price increases and inflation. This expenditure notes a 7.5% increase in premium; 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 approve the hangar and aviation insurance proposal from Chubb Insurance.

BE IT RESOLVED 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 Resolution 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 the aircraft hangar and aviation liability coverage policy for the Rochelle Municipal Airport from April 1, 2026 through April 1, 2029 (attached herein as Exhibit A).

SECTION THREE: If any provision of this Resolution 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 Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Resolution is severable.

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

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

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

APPROVED THIS 23rd day of March 2026.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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 WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING AN AVIATION LIABILITY POLICY THROUGH CHUBB INSURANCE,” 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 23rd day of March 2026.

CITY CLERK