VILLAGE OF HANNA CITY PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 21-48-41

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE TO IMPLEMENT RULES FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION AT REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Village of Hanna City has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., a majority of the corporate authorities of the Village of Hanna City may allow a member of the public body to attend Regular and Special Meetings by means other than physical presence in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Village of Hanna City; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hanna City does not currently have rules governing the attendance at meetings by means other than physical presence for members of the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hanna City deems it necessary and in the best interest of the Village to amend the Village Code to establish rules governing the attendance at Regular and Special Meetings of the Village Board by means other than physical presence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hanna City, Peoria County, Illinois, as follows:

- Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
- **Section 2.** Title III, Chapter 30, Section 4 of the Village Code of the Village of Hanna City is hereby amended by the addition of subsection (C)(18) which shall read as follows:
- (18) If a quorum of the members of corporate authorities of the Village of Hanna City is physically present as required by Section 2.01 of the Open Meetings Act, a majority of the public body may allow a member of the corporate authorities to attend a Regular or Special Meeting by electronic means if the member is prevented from physically attending because of (a) personal illness or disability, (b) absence from the corporate limits of the Village for personal employment purposes or for the business of the Village, or (c) a family or other emergency. "Electronic means" shall mean a teleconference or any other means that enables concurrent ability to communicate with the member who is not physically present. Any member planning to attend a Regular or Special Meeting by electronic means shall give written notice of his or her intent to the Village Clerk and Village Administrator. The notice shall be given at least 72 hours prior to the Meeting. If the giving of the notice is not possible or is impracticable prior to the 72-hour deadline, then the member shall give notice at the member's earliest opportunity. The notice may be given by personal delivery, mail, fax transmission, e-mail, or other electronic means

which creates a record of notice. The notice shall state the reason that prevents the member from physically attending the Meeting.

If the presiding officer of the public body is attending the Meeting by electronic means, then the person who acts in the absence of the presiding officer shall chair the Meeting. If there is none, then the presiding officer shall appoint a member of the public body who is physically present at the Meeting to serve as chair of the Meeting. The appointment of a chair shall be subject to the advice and consent of the public body. The presiding officer who is participating by electronic means shall be authorized to participate in the Meeting to the extent authorized by law or ordinance except for those acts involved with chairing the Meeting.

Any Trustee who is part of the quorum physically present at the Regular or Special Meeting as required by Section 2.01 of the Open Meetings Act may request that a vote be taken concerning whether the Trustee who is not physically present may attend such Meeting by electronic means. The question shall be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Should any portion of this Ordinance be held invalid or illegal, the remaining portions hereof shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED, PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM AND APPROVED THIS 3^{rb} DAY OF August, 2021, by a vote of ayes and nays.

APPROVED:

Anthony Fryxell, Village President

SEAL:

ATTEST:

Denise Siadek, Village Clerk

COUNTY OF PEORIA

VILLAGE OF HANNA