



The City of Crystal Lake, Illinois

**AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE
STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES ETHICS ACT
(5 ILCS 430/1-1 :ET SEQ.)
IN THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE**

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has enacted the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 430/1-1 et seq., (" Act") which is a comprehensive revision of the State statutes regulating ethical conduct, political activities and the solicitation and acceptance of gifts by State officials and employees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 70-5 of the Act (5 ILCS 430/70-5), all units of local government and school districts are required to adopt an ordinance or resolution regulating the political activities of, and the solicitation and acceptance of gifts by, their respective officers and employees, "in a manner no less restrictive" than the provisions of the Act, on or before May 19, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to come into compliance with the provisions of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Chapter II of the Crystal Lake City Code is hereby amended by adding a new Section F thereto which shall read in its entirety as follows:

SECTION F.STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES ETHICS ACT:

A. The regulations of Sections 5-15 (5 ILCS 430/5-15) and Article 10 (5 ILCS 430/10-10 through 10-40) of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 430/1-1 et seq., (hereinafter referred to as the "Act" in this Section) are hereby adopted by reference and made applicable to the officers and employees of the City to the extent required by 5 ILCS 430/70-5.

B. The solicitation or acceptance of gifts prohibited to be solicited or accepted under the Act, by any officer or any employee of the City, is hereby prohibited.

C. The offering or making of gifts prohibited to be offered or made to an officer or employee of the City under the Act, is hereby prohibited.

D. The participation in political activities prohibited under the Act, by any officer or employee of the City, is hereby prohibited.

E. For purposes of this Section, the terms "officer" and "employee" shall be defined as set forth in 5 ILCS 430/70-5(c).

F. The Mayor and City Council shall by separate resolution establish procedures and rules governing the performance of the duties and powers of the Ethics Commission of the City of Crystal Lake regarding, but not limited to, in their discretion the appointment of a hearing officer to investigate and conduct hearings on any written complaints forwarded to the commission with respect to violation of Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1 et seq.) as they may relate to any officer or employee of the City of Crystal Lake.

G. This Section does not repeal or otherwise amend or modify any existing ordinances or policies which regulate the conduct of City officers and employees. To the extent that any such existing ordinances or policies are less restrictive than this Section, however, the provisions of this Section shall prevail in accordance with the provisions of 5 ILCS 430/70-5(a).

H. Any amendment to the Act that becomes effective after the effective date of this Section shall be incorporated into this Section by reference and shall be applicable to the solicitation, acceptance, offering and making of gifts and to prohibited political activities. However, any amendment that makes its provisions optional for adoption by municipalities shall not be incorporated into this Section by reference without formal action by the Mayor and City Council of the City.

I. If the Illinois Supreme Court declares the Act unconstitutional in its entirety, then this Section shall be repealed as of the date that the Illinois Supreme Court 's decision becomes final and not subject to any further appeals or rehearings. This Section shall be deemed repealed without further action by the Mayor and City Council of the City if the Act is found unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court.

J. If the Illinois Supreme Court declares part of the Act unconstitutional but upholds the constitutionality of the remainder of the Act, or does not address the remainder of the Act, then the remainder of the Act as adopted by this Section shall remain in full force and effect; however, that part of this Section relating to the part of the Act found unconstitutional shall be deemed repealed without further action by the Mayor and City Council of the City.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and

publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Passed this 4th day of May, 2004, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Mayor Shepley and Councilmembers Brady Mueller, Christensen, Dawson, Ferguson, Goss and Thorsen.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Approved by me this 4th day of May, 2004,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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