

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 5 ("LAW DIVISION") OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE REGARDING THE VILLAGE'S LAW DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park, as a home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs except as limited by Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, as a home rule unit, the Village of Oak Park's powers are construed liberally as held by the Illinois Supreme Court in the case of *Scadron v. City of Des Plaines*, 153 Ill.2d 164 (1992); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined to amend the Oak Park Village Code with respect to the Law Department as set forth in this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Village Code Amended. Article 5 ("Law Division") of Chapter 2 ("Administration") of the Village Code of Ordinances of the Village of Oak Park, Illinois, is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5 LAW ~~DIVISION~~DEPARTMENT

2-5-1: LEGAL COUNSEL:

The following legal counsel ~~are to~~ may be employed or retained by the Village Manager:

General Counsel whose primary responsibility shall be to serve the Board of Trustees.

Assistant Village Attorneys ~~General Counsel~~, with primary responsibility for zoning and housing matters.

~~Counsel with primary responsibility for processing and prosecuting violations of Village ordinances.~~

~~Counsel with primary responsibility for assisting in processing and prosecuting violations of Village ordinances.~~

Other duties may be assigned to all employed and retained counsel as the Village Manager determines. Employment and retention decisions by the Village Manager in relation to the General Counsel shall be reviewed with the Board of Trustees before final action. Salaries and compensation shall be as set forth in the annual appropriation ordinance or as otherwise established by the Board of Trustees.

Attorneys may be engaged from time to time by the Board of Trustees as independent contractors for the purpose of handling specific legal matters.

Section 3. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity thereof will not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. This Ordinance will take effect upon passage and may be published in pamphlet form by the Office of the Village Clerk.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance will be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this __ day of _____, 2025, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Scaman				
Trustee Enyia				
Trustee Leving Jacobson				
Trustee Straw				
Trustee Taglia				
Trustee Wesley				

APPROVED this __ day of _____, 2025.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk

Published in pamphlet form this __ day of _____, 2025.

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk