

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE 3 ("VILLAGE PRESIDENT") OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 2-3-5 ("ORDER OF SUCCESSION")

WHEREAS, in the event of the unavailability of the Village President, Section 6 of the Emergency Interim Executive Succession Act, 5 ILCS 275/6, provides that the Village of Oak Park ("Village") may adopt a resolution or ordinance to "relative to the manner in which vacancies will be filled or temporary appointments to office" are made for the office of Village President; and

WHEREAS, Section III(E)(1) of the Village Board's Protocols as adopted on October 7, 2019 pursuant to Resolution Number 19-310 provides that "[w]hen there is an emergency, the Village Manager and/or Communications Director will work directly with the Village President/Mayor or President Pro-Tem (who is selected on seniority and availability) if it is necessary for an elected official to serve as the spokesperson for the Village Board;" and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance provides that the succession to the office of Village President when the Village President is unavailable shall be based on seniority; and

WHEREAS, due to the present outbreak of the COVID-19 disease in the State of Illinois, it is necessary to establish an order of succession for the office of Village President to exercise any emergency powers of the office due to the unavailability off the Village President if it becomes necessary to exercise such powers as set forth in the Emergency Interim Executive Succession Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

Section 2. Village Code Amended. Chapter 2 ("Administration"), Article 8 ("Village President") of the Oak Park Village Code is amended to add a new Section 2-3-5 ("Order of Succession") to read as follows:

2-3-5: ORDER OF SUCCESSION:

A. For the purposes of this section, the term "unavailable" means either that a vacancy in the office of Village President exists or that the Village President is absent or otherwise unable to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office.

B. In the event the Village President is unavailable to exercise the powers and duties under this article, the powers of the Village President shall be exercised and duties shall be discharged by a Village Trustee who shall be the designated emergency interim successor and shall be known as the President Pro Tem based upon a Trustee's number of consecutive years in current office. In the event two or more Trustees have equivalent seniority, the President Pro Tem shall be the Trustee who received the highest number of votes for the current office at the most recent election at which such Trustee participated.

Section 3. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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

ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2020, pursuant to a roll call vote at follows:

| Voting | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| President Abu-Taleb | | | | |
| Trustee Andrews | | | | |
| Trustee Boutet | | | | |
| Trustee Buchanan | | | | |
| Trustee Moroney | | | | |
| Trustee Taglia | | | | |
| Trustee Walker-Peddakotla | | | | |

APPROVED this 13th day of March, 2020.

Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST

Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk

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Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk