



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 (“Administration”) of the Oak Park Village Code to Add a New Article 37 (“Administrative Procedures for PSEBA Claims”) to Establish Administrative Procedures for Assessing and Determining Claims Under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act

Overview

The Ordinance establishes administrative procedures for assessing and determining claims under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act and is based upon a model ordinance developed by the Illinois Municipal League.

Staff Recommendation

Adopt the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

Hearing costs as necessary.

Background

The Public Safety Employees Benefits Act (“PSEBA”), 820 ILCS 320/1 et seq., is a state law which allows firefighters and police officers who are catastrophically injured and unable to return to work to apply for health insurance benefits for themselves and their dependents while they are off work. The firefighter or police officer must be injured while in response to fresh pursuit, was responding to what is reasonably believed to be an emergency, was injured due to an unlawful act perpetrated by another, or during the investigation of a criminal act to be eligible for benefits. Section 2-4-18 of the Village Code, which was adopted on September 15, 2003, currently addresses hearings under the PSEBA to determine the eligibility of applicants for PSEBA benefits.

Recently, the Illinois Municipal League developed a detailed model ordinance that sets forth administrative procedures for assessing and determining claims under the PSEBA beyond what is provided in the state law. Several municipalities in Illinois have adopted the model ordinance and it is now being presented in the form attached for the Board’s consideration.

Alternatives

Not adopt the Ordinance.

Previous Board Action

N/A.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A.

Performance Management (MAP) Alignment

The Law Department does not yet participate in the MAP program.