

Ordinance No. 01- 58

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ORDINANCE VIOLATION ADVISORY BOARD AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: There is hereby established an advisory board known as the Ordinance Violation Advisory Board. The Board shall have 5 members, all of which will be residents and registered voters of the Village of Chatham, and at least one of which will be an attorney at law. Board members shall be appointed by the Village President of Chatham, with the advice and consent of the Chatham Village Board. Board members shall serve without compensation, except reimbursement of their out-of-pocket expenses in accordance with the reimbursement policies of the Village. At its initial meeting, the Board shall appoint from its members a chairperson and a recording secretary. The Board shall meet at least once monthly during the months of October, 2001 through February, 2002. It shall conduct its meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, and shall be subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Law and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. The Board shall be advisory only, and shall not have any power to establish or modify policies, enter into contracts, schedule events (other than its own meetings) or expend public funds.

SECTION 2: The Ordinance Violation Advisory Board is charged with investigating ordinance violation enforcement practices of the Village; investigating the penalties for violations of Village ordinances as set forth in the Village of Chatham Code of Ordinances; and advising the Village Board thereon. The investigation shall include but is not limited to the following topics:

- a. Whether current penalties are fair and reasonable;
- b. Whether current penalties are consistent within the Code of Ordinances for offenses of similar nature and severity;
- c. Whether current penalties are consistent with State law and with ordinances of surrounding jurisdictions;
- d. Whether ordinance violation enforcement as currently practiced, is appropriate, and if not, how it could be improved and at what cost; and
- e. Whether the Village should, either on its own or in conjunction with other municipalities, establish an administrative alternative to the court system for the prosecution of ordinance violation cases.

SECTION 3: As part of its investigation of the foregoing, the Board shall solicit the views of the Chief of Police and the Zoning Administrator, and may in its discretion solicit advice and information from the Village Attorney. It shall, as part of its investigation, consider the ordinance enforcement practices of the City of Springfield, including the operation of the City's Code Hearing Department, and of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health.

SECTION 4: On or before March 15, 2002, the Ordinance Violation Advisory Board shall issue a final written report making specific recommendations regarding enforcement of the current Code of Ordinances and the penalties contained therein. The Chair of the Ordinance Violation Advisory Board shall present the written report to the Village Board and shall render an oral report at a Village Board meeting. The Ordinance

Violation Advisory Board shall be dissolved 30 days after presentation by the Chair of the report to the Village Board, unless the Village Board specifically extends the Ordinance Violation Advisory Board's life by resolution and requests further information from the Ordinance Violation Advisory Board.

SECTION 5: All Village officers, employees and retained consultants shall provide the Ordinance Violation Advisory Board with whatever information and staff support the Board reasonably requests.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance is effective immediately.

PASSED this 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2001.

Thomas S Gray

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk



AYES: 6
NAYS: 0

PASSED: 9-25-01
APPROVED: 9-25-01

ABSENT: 0

ORDINANCE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF SANGAMON)

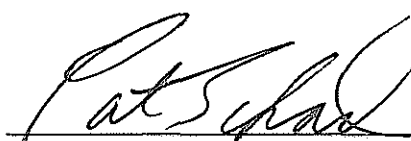
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois.

I do further certify that the ordinance attached hereto is a full, true, and exact copy of Ordinance No. 01- 58 adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of said Village on the 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2001, said Ordinance being entitled:

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I do further certify that prior to the making of this certificate, the said Ordinance was spread at length upon the permanent records of said Village, where it now appears and remains.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said Village this 25 day of SEPTEMBER, 2001.



Village Clerk

