

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF FIRE HYDRANTS
IN THE VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN

WHEREAS, the potable water supply system which is currently available within the Village is operated by an Illinois-American Water Company, a private utility company;

WHEREAS, a safe and sufficient potable water supply is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Homer Glen;

WHEREAS, the unauthorized and uncontrolled use of the water system by persons using fire hydrants to remove water from the water system can be injurious to the quality of the potable water supply as well as the sufficiency of such supply, including the ability of the system to maintain sufficient water pressure or water flow; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined it to be necessary to regulate the use of fire hydrants within the Village to protect the potable water supply system from such unauthorized and uncontrolled use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HOMER GLEN, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Section 1: Recitals -The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: Prohibition – No person shall operate a fire hydrant or otherwise remove water from the potable water supply system through a fire hydrant without first having provided the Village with evidence of written authorization from Illinois American Water Company to operate the fire hydrant and remove potable water from the system. Such authorization shall include the name of the persons authorized to operate the fire hydrant, the location of the fire hydrant to be operated and the duration of such use.

Section 3: Exemptions – The following persons shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 2 hereof:

- (i) Persons engaged in fire fighting or emergency response activities;
- (ii) Employers or agents of Illinois American Water Company or the Village engaged (a) in the construction, repair, maintenance or replacement of water system infrastructure, (b) normal and routine flushing of the potable water supply system, or (c) testing of the potable water supply system.

Section 4: Penalty – Any persons violating any provision of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$750.00 plus the court costs.

Section 5: Severability – The various portions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly declared to be severable, and the invalidity of any such portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other portions of this Ordinance, which shall be enforced to the fullest extent possible.

Section 6: Repealer – All ordinances or portions of ordinances previously passed or adopted by the Village of Homer Glen that conflict with or are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7: Effective Date - This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 20th day of September 2005, with 6 members voting aye, 0 members voting nay, the President not voting, with 0 members abstaining or passing, and said vote being:

Mary Niemiec Aye

Dale Vogelsanger Aye

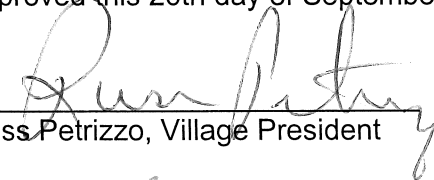
Margaret Sabo Aye

Brian Andrews Aye

Marcia DeVivo Aye

Christopher Locacius Aye

Approved this 20th day of September, 2005



Russ Petrizzo, Village President

Attest: 

Gale Skroboton, Village Clerk