

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE
AMENDING ARTICLE 3, CHAPTERS 1 AND 2 OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE OF PARK RIDGE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois, pursuant to its home rule authority provided under Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 as follows:

SECTION 1: That Section 3-1-1 entitled "Appointment of Officers" of Chapter 1 "Mayor" and Article 3 entitled "Officers and Administrators" of the Municipal Code of Park Ridge, Illinois, shall be deleted in its entirety and a new Section 3-1-1 entitled "Authority With Respect to Committees, Board and Commissions" in inserted in lieu thereof and shall read as follows:

3-1-1 AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. Appointments.

The Mayor shall appoint:

1. The members and chair of all City Council Committees.
2. The chairmen of all Boards and Commissions of the City.
3. All other officers of the City whose appointment is not otherwise provided by law.

B. Other Authority

1. The Mayor shall recommend to the City Council persons for appointment to the membership of all other City Boards, Commissions and Councils. (See Ch. 2 of this Article for resolution of the City Council's refusal to accept Mayor's recommendations).
2. In cases of dispute, the Mayor may determine the relative powers of City officials or Boards.

3. The Mayor may assign the duties of City officials (other than employees) which have not otherwise been assigned by statute, ordinance or official, written policy.
4. The Mayor may direct to the City Manager to investigate reasonable complaints against employees other than those covered by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners or by the specific authority of a collective bargaining agreement.
5. The Mayor may veto the appointment of the City Attorney by the City Council. (See Ch. 2 of this Article for further description).

SECTION 2: Sections 3-1-2 entitled “Mayor’s Authority” and Section 3-1-3 entitled “Ordinance Enforcement” of Chapter 1 “Mayor” and Article 3 entitled “Officers and Administrators” of the Municipal Code of Park Ridge, Illinois, shall be deleted in their entirety and “Reserved”.

SECTION 3: New Sections 3-2-8 entitled “Appointment to Boards and Commissions” and Section 3-2-9 entitled “Appointment of City Attorney” shall be added to Article 3 entitled “Officers and Administrators”, Chapter 2 entitled “City Council” of the Municipal Code of the City of Park Ridge, Illinois, and shall read as follows:

3-2-8 APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Upon receipt from the Mayor of a name for appointment to a City Board or Commission, the City Council shall, upon motion and majority vote, appoint all members of such Boards and Commissions. If the City Council does not approve a person recommended by the Mayor to fill a particular vacancy, the Mayor shall then submit a second name for such appointment. If the City Council does not approve the second person submitted by the Mayor, the Executive Committee of the City Council shall appoint a person to fill that vacancy. Further, if the Mayor fails to advance the name of a person to the City Council within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the term of an existing member, then the Council liaison to that Board or Commission shall advance the name of a person for appointment and upon the failure of the City Council to approve that

person on the first vote, the Executive Committee shall appoint a person other than the person not approved by the City Council, to fill such vacancy. If the Mayor fails to timely advance a name for appointment and there is no City Council liaison, the Executive Committee shall advance the name of a person to the City Council for appointment.

3-2-9. APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY.

The City Attorney shall be appointed by the affirmative vote of four (4) aldermen upon recommendation of the City Manager. The Mayor shall have the power to veto such appointment, by written notice to the City Council giving the reasons for such veto, filed with the City Clerk within fourteen (14) days of the Council's affirmative vote. The veto may be overturned by the affirmative vote of five (5) members of the City Council voting at the next regular meeting of the City Council. If there is a deadlock over such appointment, the City Manager shall appoint an interim City Attorney until such deadlock is broken.

SECTION 4: Section 3-6-2 entitled "Appointment" of Chapter 6 entitled "City Manager" of Article 3 "Officers and Administrators" of the Municipal Code of the City of Park Ridge, Illinois, shall be deleted in its entirety and a new Section 3-6-2 shall be inserted in lieu thereof and shall read as follows:

3-6-2 APPOINTMENT.

The City Manager shall be appointed by the affirmative vote of four (4) aldermen upon recommendation of the Mayor. The City Manager shall be chosen solely on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications, with special reference to actual experience in or knowledge of accepted practice in respect to the duties of the office. Such qualifications are hereby declared to be of a nature as to require special training or knowledge. At the time of appointment, the appointee need not be a resident of the City or of the State of Illinois, but shall reside within the City within six (6) months of appointment. No Alderman or Mayor may be appointed as City Manager during the term for which he/she shall have been elected, nor within one year after the expiration of that term. During the absence or disability of the City Manager, the Mayor with the advice and the consent of the City Council may designate some properly qualified person as Acting City Manager.

SECTION 5: Section 3-6-6 entitled "Duties of Manager" of Chapter 6 "City Manager" and Article 3 entitled "Officers and Administrators" of the Municipal Code of the City of Park Ridge, Illinois, shall be amended by deleting paragraph A of Section 3-6-6 in its entirety and amending paragraph B to read as follows and subsequently re-lettering the following paragraphs in order:

- A. The City Manager shall have the power to appoint and to discharge any Assistant City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager or Administrative Assistant to the City Manager or any department head. All such appointments or discharges shall be based upon merit and the qualification or disqualification of such employees after the City Manager has reviewed the proposed appointment or discharge with the City Council.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

SECTION 7: The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance in pamphlet form according to law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Park Ridge, Illinois this _____ day of _____, 2008.

VOTE: AYES:

 NAYS:

 ABSENT:

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk