

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE COOK COUNTY PAID LEAVE
ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE
OF ILLINOIS.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Stickney (the “Village”) is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs, and to review, interpret and amend its ordinances, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1, provides that the corporate authorities of each municipality may pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities, with such fines or penalties as may be deemed proper; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2023, the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed into law an amendment to its Paid Leave Ordinance (the “Amended Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Amended Ordinance took effect December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village President (the “President”) and the Board of Trustees of the Village (the “Board” and with the President, the “Corporate Authorities”) recognize the importance of paid leave and currently provide reasonable paid leave benefits to its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that applying the Amended Ordinance to its own employees will negatively impact the Village and place an undue financial and operational burden on the Village’s ability to provide uninterrupted services to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes and hereby declares that it is in the best interests of the Village to clearly define the paid leave benefits that Village employees shall receive and that it is in the best interests of the Village to opt out of the Amended Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: PAID LEAVE POLICY.

The Village hereby adopts its current paid leave policy for all Village employees as set forth in the Village's Code of Ordinances, Employee Handbook, Annual Salary Ordinances, any collective bargaining agreements to which the Village is a party and all other binding legislative actions governing paid leave adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village, as the same may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 3: DECLARATION.

Pursuant to the Village's home rule authority, the Village hereby declares that the Village, as an employer, is exempt from the requirements of the Amended Ordinance of Cook County, Illinois as of December 31, 2023. The Village, as an employer, shall have no additional obligations with regard to mandatory paid leave, including, without limitation, any obligations provided under the Amended Ordinance, except those obligations required by federal and/or state law which validly preempt the Village's home rule authority.

SECTION 4. HEADINGS. The headings of the articles, sections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of this Ordinance are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Ordinance nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of any substantive provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision of this Ordinance be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable and as though not provided for herein and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SUPERSEDER. All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION. A full, true and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form or in a newspaper published and of general circulation within the Village as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be retro-active and shall be effective and in full force as of December 31, 2023.

PASSED this 2nd day of January, 2024.

AYES: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees Savopoulos and Torres

ABSTENTION: None

APPROVED by me this 2nd day of January, 2024.

Jeff Walik, President

**ATTESTED AND FILED in my
office this 2nd day of January, 2024.**

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk