

VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-030

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VERNON HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE AND AUTHORIZING AN ELECTRICITY
AGGREGATION PROGRAM

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President and Board of Trustees of the Village of
Vernon Hills, Lake County, Illinois, this 18th Day of
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WHEREAS, the Illinois Power Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3855/1-92 (the "Act"), authorizes municipalities to adopt programs for the aggregation of residential and small commercial retail electrical loads located within the municipality ("Electricity Aggregation Program") and to solicit bids and enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity and related services and equipment pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the Village of Vernon Hills ("Village") may operate an Electricity Aggregation Program under the Act as an "opt-out" program, whereby residential and small commercial retail customers may choose not to participate in the program, if authorized by referendum pursuant to the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills and Villages of Arlington Heights, Lincolnshire, Long Grove, Palatine, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement to pursue their common interest in an electric aggregation program and pursuing joint action and intergovernmental cooperation for a Joint Power Supply Bid.

WHEREAS, the Village submitted the public question of whether the Village should operate the Electricity Aggregation Program as an opt-out program in a referendum on March 20, 2012, and the referendum passed by a majority vote of the electors voting on the public question; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the Village to authorize the operation of the Electricity Aggregation Program as an opt-out program and to add Article IX to Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for the implementation of the Electricity Aggregation Program according to the terms of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. Findings and Determinations. The Village Board finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the Village of Vernon Hills to implement the Electricity Aggregation Program as an opt-out program pursuant to the terms of the Act and this Ordinance.

Section 3. Addition of Article IX to Chapter 10 of the Village Code to Authorize the Electricity Aggregation Program. Chapter 10, entitled, “, LICENSES, PERMITS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS” of the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances shall be and is hereby amended to add Article IX which shall be and read as follows:

**Article IX
ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

Section 10-228 Definitions.

For the purposes of this Article IX, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

“Act” shall mean the Illinois Power Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3855/1-92, as may be amended from time to time.

“Customer” shall mean recipients of residential and small commercial retail electric loads as provided in the Act.

“Electricity Aggregation Program” shall mean a program pursuant to the Act for the aggregation of residential and small commercial retail electric loads located within the corporate limits of the Village that provides customers with the opportunity to opt out of participating in that program as provided in the Act.

Section 10-229 Aggregation of Electrical Load

A. The Corporate Authorities of the Village are authorized to operate an Electricity Aggregation Program pursuant to the Act and for that purpose may solicit bids and enter into service agreements to facilitate the sale and purchase of electricity and related services and equipment for those loads aggregated pursuant to the Electricity Aggregation Program as provided in the Act.

B. The Corporate Authorities of the Village may exercise the authority to operate the Electricity Aggregation Program jointly with any other municipality or county and, in combination with two or more municipalities or counties, may initiate a process to jointly authorize the Electricity Aggregation Program by a majority vote of each particular municipality or county as required by the Act.

Section 10-230 Opt-Out Program

A. The Electricity Aggregation Program shall operate as an opt-out program whereby Customers who do not wish to participate in the Electricity Aggregation Program may opt out pursuant to the Act.

B. The Village Manager or designee, on behalf of the Village, shall fully inform customers in advance, as provided in the Act, that Customers have the right to opt-out of the Electricity Aggregation Program. The disclosure provided to the Customers shall comply with the requirements of the Act and shall prominently state all charges to be made and shall include full disclosure of the cost to obtain service pursuant to Section 16-603 of the Act, how to access service, and the fact that service under Section 16-603 of the Act is available to Customers without penalty if they are currently receiving service under Section 16-603 of the Act.

C. Upon notification from any Customer that the Customer wishes to opt out of the Electricity Aggregation Program, that Customer shall be excluded from the Electricity Aggregation Program.

D. Except for those Customers who opt out of the Electricity Aggregation Program pursuant to this Section 10-230 and the Act, the Electricity Aggregation Program shall automatically apply for each person owning, occupying, controlling, or using an electrical load center proposed to be aggregated in the corporate limits of the Village.

Section 10-231 Adoption of Plan of Operation and Governance for the Electricity Aggregation Program

A. The Corporate Authorities of the Village, with the assistance from the Illinois Power Agency as required pursuant to the Act, shall develop and approve a Plan of Operation and Governance for the Electricity Aggregation Program.

B. Before adopting the plan of operation required under Section 10-231 and the Act, the corporate authorities shall hold at least two public hearings on the proposed plan. Before the first public hearing, the corporate authorities shall publish notice of the hearings once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village. The notice shall summarize the plan of operation and state the date, time, and location of each hearing.

C. The plan of operation and governance for the Electricity Aggregation Program shall:

1. Provide for universal access to all applicable residential Customers and equitable treatment of applicable residential Customers,
2. Describe demand management and energy efficiency services to be provided to each class of Customers, and
3. Meet any requirements established by law concerning aggregated service offered pursuant to the Act.

Section 10-232 Solicitation of Bids

The process for soliciting bids for electricity and other related services and awarding proposed agreements for the purchase of electricity and other related services for the Electricity Aggregation Program shall be conducted pursuant to the Act.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance, or the applications of any provision of this Ordinance, is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such occurrence shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance, or their application, that can be given effect without the unconstitutional or invalid provision or its application. Each unconstitutional or invalid provision, or application of such provision, is severable, unless otherwise provided by this Ordinance.

Section 5. Any person violating any portion of this Chapter shall be punished according to the provisions of Chapter 25 Section 25-2 of the Vernon Hills Municipal Code.

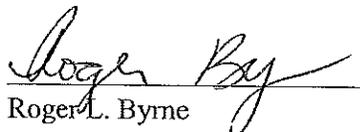
Section 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law. This Ordinance may be published in pamphlet form.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5 – Koch, Marquardt, Williams, Schultz, Schwartz

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Hebda


Roger L. Byrne
Village President

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ATTEST:


Michael S. Allison
Village Clerk

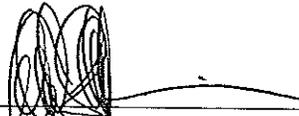
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

CERTIFICATE

I, MICHAEL S. ALLISON, CERTIFY THAT I AM THE DULY APPOINTED VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT ON APRIL 17, 2012, THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF SUCH MUNICIPALITY PASSED AND APPROVED ORDINANCE 2012-030, AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE IX TO CHAPTER 10 OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE AND AUTHORIZING AN ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

THE PAMPHLET FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2012-030, INCLUDING THE ORDINANCE AND A COVER SHEET THEREOF WAS PREPARED, AND A COPY OF SUCH ORDINANCE WAS POSTED IN THE VILLAGE HALL, COMMENCING APRIL 18, 2012 AND CONTINUING FOR AT LEAST TEN DAYS THEREAFTER. COPIES OF SUCH ORDINANCE WERE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UPON REQUEST IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK.

DATED IN VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS, THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2012



MICHAEL S. ALLISON, VILLAGE CLERK

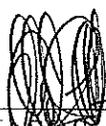
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

I, MICHAEL S. ALLISON, BEING FIRST DULY APPOINTED, DEPOSES AND SAYS ON OATH THAT AS VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, HE DID CAUSE THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE FOR ORDINANCE 2012-030, AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE IX TO CHAPTER 10 OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE AND AUTHORIZING AN ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM



MICHAEL S. ALLISON, VILLAGE CLERK

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE
THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL 2012



Notary Public

