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CHAPTER 1

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE I – GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS
DIVISION I - TITLE

1-1-1 **TITLE.** Upon the adoption by the Village Board of Trustees, this Village Code is hereby declared to be and shall hereafter constitute the official "**Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Belgium**". The Revised Code of Ordinances shall be known and cited as the "**Village Code**", and it is hereby published by authority of the Village Board and shall be kept up-to-date as provided in **Section 1-1-3** under the direction of the Village Attorney, acting for said Village Board. Any reference to the number of any section contained herein shall be understood to refer to the position of the same number, its appropriate chapter and article heading and to the general penalty clause relating thereto as well as to the section itself when reference is made to this Village Code by title in any legal document. **(65 ILCS 5/1-2-3)**

1-1-2 **ACCEPTANCE.** The Village Code as hereby presented in printed form shall hereafter be received without further proof in all courts and in all administrative tribunals of this State as the ordinances of the Village of general and permanent effect, except the excluded ordinances enumerated in **Section 1-1-8**. **(65 ILCS 5/1-2-6)**

1-1-3 **AMENDMENTS.** Any ordinance amending this Village Code shall set forth the article, chapter, and section number of the section or sections to be amended, and this shall constitute a sufficient compliance with any statutory requirement pertaining to the amendment or revision by ordinance of any part of this Village Code. All such amendments or revisions by ordinance shall be forwarded to the codifiers on an annual basis and the ordinance material shall be prepared for insertion in its proper place in each copy of this Village Code. Each such replacement page shall be properly identified and shall be inserted in each individual copy of the Village Code on an annual basis. **(65 ILCS 5/1-2-3)**

1-1-4 **CODE ALTERATION.** It shall be deemed unlawful for any person to alter, change, replace or deface in any way, any section or any page of this Code in such a manner that the meaning of any phrase or order may be changed or omitted. Replacement pages may be inserted according to the official instructions when so authorized by the Village Board. The Clerk shall see that the replacement pages are properly inserted in the official copies maintained in the office of the Clerk.

Any person having in his custody an official copy of this Code shall make every effort to maintain said Code in an up-to-date and efficient manner. He shall see to the immediate insertion of new or replacement pages when such are delivered to him or made available to him through the office of the Village Clerk. Said Code books, while in actual possession of officials and other interested persons, shall be and remain the property of the Village and shall be returned to the office of the Clerk upon termination of office or separation of duties.

1-1-5 **JURISDICTION.** Unless otherwise provided herein, this Code applies to acts performed within the corporate limits of the Village. Provisions of this Code also apply to acts performed outside the corporate limits and up to the limits prescribed by law, where the law confers power on the Village to regulate such particular acts outside the corporate limits.

1-1-6 - 1-1-7 RESERVED.

DIVISION II - SAVING CLAUSE

1-1-8 **REPEAL OF GENERAL ORDINANCES.** All general ordinances of the Village passed prior to the adoption of this Code are hereby repealed, except such as are referred to herein as being still in force or are, by necessary implication, herein reserved from repeal **[subject to the saving clauses contained in the following sections]**, from which are excluded the following ordinances, which are not hereby repealed:

Tax Levy Ordinances; Appropriation Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Boundaries and Annexations; Franchise Ordinances and other Ordinances Granting Special Rights to Persons or Corporations; Contract Ordinances and Ordinances Authorizing the Execution of a Contract or the Issuance of Warrants; Ordinances Establishing, Naming, or Vacating Streets, Alleys, or Other Public Places; Improvement Ordinances; Bond Ordinances; Ordinances Relating to Elections; Ordinances Relating to the Transfer or Acceptance of Real Estate by or from the Village; and all Special Ordinances.

1-1-9 **PUBLIC UTILITY ORDINANCES.** No ordinance relating to railroads or railroad crossings with streets and other public ways or relating to the conduct, duties, service or rates of public utilities shall be repealed by virtue of the adoption of this Code or by virtue of the preceding section, excepting as this Code shall be considered as amending such ordinance or ordinances in respect to such provisions only.

1-1-10 **COURT PROCEEDINGS.** No new ordinance shall be construed or held to repeal a former ordinance, whether such former ordinance is expressly repealed or not, as to any offense committed against such former ordinance or as to any act done, any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred, or any right accrued or claim arising under the former ordinance, or in any way whatever to affect any claim arising under the former ordinance or in any way whatever to affect any such offense or act so committed or so done, or any penalty, forfeiture or punishment so incurred or any right accrued or claim arising before the new ordinance takes effect, save only that the proceedings thereafter shall conform to the ordinance in force at the time of such proceeding, so far as practicable. If any penalty, forfeiture or punishment be mitigated by any provision of a new ordinance, such provision may be, by the consent of the party affected, applied to any judgment announced after the new ordinance takes effect.

This Section shall extend to all repeals, either by express words or implication, whether the repeal is in the ordinance making any new provisions upon the same subject or in any other ordinance.

Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be construed as abating any action now pending under or by virtue of any general ordinance of the Village herein repealed and the provisions of all general ordinances contained in this Code shall be deemed to be continuing provisions and not a new enactment of the same provision; nor shall this Chapter be deemed as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accrued or to accrue, or as affecting the liability of any person, firm or corporation, or as waiving any right of the Village under any ordinance or provision thereof in force at the time of the adoption of this Code.

1-1-11 **SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS.** Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this Code is severable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Code, nor any part thereof, other than that part affected by such decision.

1-1-12 **VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE.** The Village Clerk's Certificate shall be substantially in the following form:

VILLAGE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF VERMILION) ss.
VILLAGE OF BELGIUM)

VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

I, Paulette Myers, Village Clerk of the **Village of Belgium, Illinois**, do hereby certify that the following **Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Belgium, Illinois of 2018**, published by authority of the Village Board of Trustees were duly passed by the Village Board of Trustees of the **Village of Belgium, Illinois**, approved by the Mayor and published in book form according to law on this date, and that these ordinances are true and perfect copies of the ordinances, as passed, approved and now of record and on file in my office as provided by law.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the **Village of Belgium, Illinois**, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

PAULETTE MYERS, VILLAGE CLERK
VILLAGE OF BELGIUM

(SEAL)

1-1-13 - 1-1-14 **RESERVED.**

DIVISION III - DEFINITIONS

1-1-15 **CONSTRUCTION OF WORDS.** Whenever any word in any section of this Code, importing the plural number is used in describing or referring to any matters, parties or persons, any single matter, party or person shall be deemed to be included, although distributive words may not have been used.

When any subject matter, party or person is referred to in this Code by words importing the singular number only, or the masculine gender, several matters, parties or persons and females as well as males and bodies corporate shall be deemed to be included; provided that these rules of construction shall not be applied to any section of this Code which contains any express provision excluding such construction or where the subject matter or content may be repugnant thereto.

1-1-16 **DEFINITIONS.** Whenever the following words or terms are used in this Code, they shall have the meanings herein ascribed to them unless the context makes such meaning repugnant thereto:

"AGENT", as used in this Code shall mean a person acting on behalf of another.

"BOARD OF TRUSTEES", unless otherwise indicated shall mean the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Belgium.

"CODE" OR "THIS CODE", shall mean the **"Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Belgium"**.

"CORPORATE AUTHORITIES" shall mean the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees. **(65 ILCS 5/1-1-2(2))**

"COUNTY" shall mean the **County of Vermilion**.

"EMPLOYEES" shall mean the following: Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words **"of the Village"**.

"FEE" OR "FEES" as used in this Code shall mean a sum of money charged by the Village for carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

"FISCAL YEAR". The "fiscal year" for the Village shall begin on **May 1st of each year and end on April 30th of the following year. (65 ILCS 5/1-1-2[5])**

"KNOWINGLY" imports only a knowledge that the facts exist which bring the act or omission within the provisions of this Code. It does not require any knowledge of the unlawfulness of such act or omission.

"LEGAL HOLIDAY" shall mean the holidays as authorized and recognized by the Village Board in the employee agreement.

"LICENSE" as used in this Code shall mean the permission granted for the carrying on of a business, profession or occupation.

"MAY" as used in this Code means permissible.

"MAYOR" as used in this Code shall mean the Village President or President of the Village Board of Trustees. **(65 ILCS 5/1-1-2.1)**

"MISDEMEANOR" as used in this Code shall mean any offense deemed a violation of the provisions of this Code which is a lesser offense than a felony as defined by state law.

"NEGLECT", "NEGLIGENCE", "NEGLIGENT" AND "NEGLIGENTLY" import a want of such attention to the nature of probable consequences of the act of omission as a prudent man ordinarily bestows in acting in his own concern.

"NUISANCE" shall mean anything offensive or obnoxious to the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village or any act or thing repugnant to or creating a hazard to or having a detrimental effect on the property of another person or to the community.

"OCCUPANT" as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land whether alone or with others.

"OFFENSE" shall mean any act forbidden by any provision of this Code or the omission of any act required by the provisions of this Code.

"OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES". Whenever reference is made in this Code to a Village Officer or employee by title only, this shall be construed as though followed by the words **"of the Village"** and shall be taken to mean the officer or employee of this Village having the title mentioned or performing the duties indicated.

No provision of this Code designating the duties of any officer or employee shall be so construed as to make such officer or employee liable for any fine or penalty provided in this Code for a failure to perform such duty, unless the intention of the Village Board to impose such a fine or penalty on such officer or employee is specifically and clearly expressed in the section creating the duty.

"OFFICIAL TIME". Central Standard Time shall be the official time for the transaction of Village business, except during applicable Daylight Savings Time set by National or State standards when the official time shall be advanced **one (1) hour**. All clocks and other timepieces in or upon public buildings

or other premises maintained by or at the expense of the Village shall be set and run at the official time prescribed by this paragraph.

"OPERATOR" as used in this Code shall mean the person who is in charge of any operation, business or profession.

"OWNER" as applied to a building or land shall include any part-owner, joint-owner, tenant-in-common, joint-tenant or lessee of the whole or of a part of such building or land.

"PERSON" shall mean any natural individual, firm, trust, partnership, association, or corporation in his or its own capacity as administrator, conservator, executor, trustee, receiver or other representative appointed by the Court. Whenever the word "person" is used in any section of this Code prescribing a penalty or fine as applied to partnerships or any such word as applied to corporations, it shall include the officers, agents, or employees thereof who are responsible for any violation of said section.

"RETAILER" as used in this Code, unless otherwise specifically defined, shall be understood to relate to the sale of goods, merchandise, articles or things in small quantities direct to the consumer.

"SHALL" as used in this Code means mandatory.

"STATE" OR "THIS STATE" unless otherwise indicated shall mean the **"State of Illinois"**.

"STREET" shall include alleys, lanes, courts, boulevards, public squares, public places and sidewalks.

"TENANT" as applied to a building or land shall include any person who occupies the whole or any part of such building or land, whether alone or with others.

"WILLFULLY" when applied to the intent with which an act is done or omitted implies simply a purpose or willingness to commit the act or make the omission referred to. It does not require any intent to violate law, or to injure another, or to acquire an advantage.

"WRITTEN" AND "IN WRITING" may include printing and any other mode of representing words and letters, but when the written signature of any person is required by law to any official or public writing or bond required by law, it shall be in the proper handwriting of such person, or in case he is unable to write, by his proper mark.

(In Part 65 ILCS 5/1-1-2)

1-1-17 **CATCHLINES.** The catchlines of the several sections of this Code are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the content of the section and shall not be deemed or taken to be titles of such sections, nor as any part of the section, nor, unless expressly so provided, shall they be so deemed when any of such sections, including the catchlines, are amended or reenacted.

1-1-18 - 1-1-19 **RESERVED.**

DIVISION IV - GENERAL PENALTY

1-1-20

PENALTY.

(A) Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)** nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for any **one (1) offense**.

(B) Any minor or person designated as a juvenile by this State convicted of a violation of any section of this Code shall be fined not less than **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)** nor more than **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** for any **one (1) offense**, but may not be confined except by provisions of the **Juvenile Court Act of the State of Illinois**.

(C) Whoever commits an offense against the Village or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission is punishable as a principal.

(D) Whoever willfully causes an act to be done which, if directly performed by him or another would be an offense against the Village, is punishable as a principal.

(E) **Guilty Plea – No Court Appearance.** All municipal ordinance offenses may be satisfied without a court appearance by written plea of guilty and payment of the minimum fine, plus court costs, unless a court appearance is required by the ordinance violated. **(65 ILCS 5/1-2-7 and 5/1-2-8)**

(F) **Community Service.** Any penalty imposed for the violation of an ordinance may include, or consist of, a requirement that the defendant perform some reasonable public service work such as but not limited to the picking up of litter in parks or along public highways or the maintenance of public facilities.

1-1-21

MINOR VIOLATIONS PENALTY.

(A) Any person accused of a violation of any section of this Code except **Chapter 24** entitled **"Motor Vehicles"** may settle and compromise the claim by paying to the Village the sum of **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** within **ten (10) days** from the time such alleged offense was committed or by paying to the Village Clerk the sum of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** subsequent to said **ten (10) day period** and prior to such person being issued a complaint or notice to appear.

(B) The tickets issued under this Section shall be as a courtesy in lieu of arrest. If the person accused of this violation does not settle the claim, a complaint or notice to appear will be issued for that violation and the person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in **Section 1-1-20** of this Code.

1-1-22

SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL.

In all actions for violation of any municipal ordinance where the fine would not be in excess of **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** and no jail term could be imposed, service of summons may be made by the Municipal Clerk by certified mail, return receipt requested, whether service is to be within or without the State. **(65 ILCS 5/1-2-9.1)**

1-1-23

APPLICATION.

(A) The penalty provided in this Chapter shall be applicable to every section of this Village Code, the same as though it were a part of each and every separate section. Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Village Code, where any duty is prescribed or obligation imposed, or where any act which is of a continuing nature or declared to be unlawful, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day such duty or obligation remains unperformed or such act continues, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Village Code.

(B) In all cases where the same offense is made punishable or is created by different clauses or sections of this Village Code, the prosecuting officer may elect under which to proceed; but not more than one (1) recovery shall be had against the same person for the same offense; provided that the

revocation of a license or permit shall not be considered a recovery or penalty so as to bar any other penalty being enforced.

(C) Whenever the doing of any act or the omission to do any act constitutes a breach of any section or provision of this Village Code, and there shall be no fine or penalty specifically declared for such breach, the provisions of this Code shall apply and a separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during or on which a breach or violation occurs or continues.

1-1-24 **LIABILITY OF OFFICERS.** The failure of any officer or employee to perform any official duty imposed by this Code shall not subject such officer or employee to the penalty imposed for violation of this Code, unless a penalty is specifically provided for.

1-1-25 **LICENSE.** When a person is convicted of a violation of any Section of this Code, any license previously issued to him by the Village may be revoked by the Mayor and the Village Board.