

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 2008 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Ethical Standards – Ordinance Amendment	Resolution ✓ Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Enza Petrarca Village Attorney

**SYNOPSIS**

An ordinance has been prepared designating the Village Attorney to serve as the Village's Ethics Officer.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2007-2012 identified *Exceptional Municipal Organization*. Supporting these goals are the objectives *Village Government Trusted and Respected by Residents*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A.

**UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the September 9, 2008 Workshop. Staff recommends approval on the September 16, 2008 active agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

In October, 2007, the Village Council amended its ethics ordinance to state that the Village Council would designate an Ethics Officer. To date, an Ethics Officer has not been designated, and the Village Attorney has served in that capacity. The Ethics Officer is generally responsible for ensuring that the activities of elected officials, board and commission members and Village employees meet the general accepted ethical standards as defined by Council Policy and set forth by ordinance. This ordinance shall appoint the Village Attorney as the Village's Ethics Officer.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Ordinance



Ethics Officer

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY AS THE DOWNERS GROVE ETHICS OFFICER**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by **shading**/underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

**Section 1. That Section 1.35 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**1.35 Ethics Officer.**

~~The Village Council shall designate an Ethics Officer~~The Village Attorney shall be designated the Downers Grove Ethics Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the Ethics Officer to provide guidance to the officers and employees of the Village concerning the interpretation of and compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, State law and all other policies of the Village regarding ethics. The Village Council may contract with a person or entity to perform the duties of Ethics Officer.

**Section 2.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

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Mayor

Passed:  
Published:  
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk