

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-5 OF THE CITY OF JOLIET CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE CITY SEAL AND EMBLEMS

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet has determined that the unauthorized use of the City seal and emblems by private individuals and businesses may cause confusion among residents and imply an official endorsement or affiliation with the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Joliet to regulate the use of its official seal and emblems to prevent such confusion and protect the integrity of the City's symbols;

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, and as such, has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to regulate the use of its official seal and emblems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 2-5 of the City of Joliet Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-5. Use of City Seal

The seal of the city is to be used in all cases that have been or shall hereafter be provided by the laws of the United States, the laws of the several states of the United States, and the charter and ordinances of the city and in all the cases in which, by the laws and customs of nations, it is necessary to use a seal by a corporation.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use the City of Joliet flag, standard, pennant, any City badge, or any imitation or design thereof, without the prior approval of the City Manager, except for the usual and customary purposes of decoration or display. No person shall print or stamp thereon or cause to be displayed thereon any letter, word, legend, or device not herein provided for in this Section. Any person violating this Subsection shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, and each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

No person shall fraudulently forge, deface, corrupt, or counterfeit the corporate seal or any official logo of the City of Joliet, including, but not limited to, any patch of the Police

or Fire Department. Nor shall any person, other than a duly authorized public official, make use of said seal or logo, without prior approval of the City Manager, except for the usual and customary purposes of decoration or display. Any person violating this Subsection shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, and each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

MAYOR

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VOTING YES: _____

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NOT VOTING: _____