

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY (HAMMEL WOODS PRESERVE) FOR THE ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet (the “City”) provides potable water service through its water system to its water customers (“Water Service”); and

WHEREAS, the provision of Water Service is a matter essential to the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, a safe, reliable, and ample supply of water is essential to providing cost-effective Water Service; and

WHEREAS, the City's Water Service uses groundwater as its supply source; and

WHEREAS, the City’s existing water source, the deep groundwater aquifer, will be depleted to the point of not being able to meet the City’s maximum day water demands by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted an Alternative Water Source Study to determine alternative water sources which could be used by not only the City of Joliet, but possibly the region as a long-term, sustainable, reliable water source; and

WHEREAS, in January 2021, the City Council selected purchasing Lake Michigan water from the City of Chicago as its alternative water source and the City has entered into a Water Supply Agreement with the City of Chicago dated May 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, design and construction of new waterworks system will be required to accept delivery of Lake Michigan water from the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the design of a portion of the waterworks system, it is necessary to obtain soil borings and install groundwater monitoring wells in the Hammel Woods Preserve owned by the Forest Preserve District of Will County (“District”); and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the City and the District entered into two agreements between the City of Joliet and the District to authorize two soil borings and groundwater monitoring wells: an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Installation of Groundwater Monitoring Wells at the Isle A La Cache Preserve (“Intergovernmental Agreement”) and a License Agreement for the Installation of Groundwater Monitoring Wells at Isle A La Cache Preserve (“License Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is necessary to perform two soil borings and install a groundwater monitoring well at Hammel Woods Preserve and the City and the District have negotiated terms of another license agreement (“Additional License Agreement”) to authorize this groundwater monitoring well, on substantially the same terms as the original License Agreement and payment of a license fee by the City to the District, and the City will apply for a special use permit for the soil borings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet is a home rule municipality under and by virtue of the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AND HOME RULE AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and City Council hereby find that the recitals contained in this Resolution are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated into this Section by reference.

SECTION 2: The Additional License Agreement for installation of an additional groundwater monitoring well at Hammel Woods Preserve is hereby approved in a form substantially similar to Exhibit A attached to and incorporated in this Resolution.

SECTION 3: The City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and seal the Additional License Agreement. The City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary for the City to comply with the terms of the Additional License Agreement, including payment of the required license fee.

SECTION 4: Each section and part thereof of this Resolution is deemed to be severable and should any section or part hereof be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portion(s) of this Resolution.

SECTION 5: All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the terms of this Resolution are hereby repealed and of no further force and effect to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

VOTING YES: _____

VOTING NO: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

EXHIBIT A

**Additional License Agreement (No. 25-09) for the Installation of
Groundwater Monitoring Well at Hammel Woods Preserve**