ORDINANCE NO. 2025-5

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON MACOUPIN AND JERSEY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

CHAPTER 30 SECTION 02 MEETINGS

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2024, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Brighton adopted the above Ordinance regarding mobile homes in the Village and the governance thereof; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Brighton have determined that there is a need to regulate the amount of time given to individuals seeking to address the governing body of the Village of Brighton at its regular, special, and committee meetings, in order to provide for more expedient and efficient meetings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON, MACOUPIN AND JERSEY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 30, Section 02 shall be amended by including the additional language, as follows:

(E) Public Comment:

- (1) Any person not a member of the Village Board may address the Village Board with regard to items of proposed business, under the following rules:
 - (a) All non-members shall rise and stand, stating their name for the record for meeting minutes
 - (b) All individual, non-members are allowed 5 minutes of uninterrupted comment
 - (c) If a group of 4 or more non-members in attendance request public comment on a specific issue, up to 3 non-member individuals shall be nominated from the group to address the Village Board, with a collective 20 minute maximum time limit of public comment.

- (d) Public comment does not permit entering into a discussion directly with the Village Board, or the Mayor
- (e) Any person making personal or impertinent remarks, or who becomes disruptive, shall be evicted from the meeting by the Mayor, or Chairman.

(F) Remote Attendance Policy

- (1) It is the policy of the Village of Brighton that a member of the governing body, subject to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, may attend and participate in any open or closed meetings from a remote location, via telephone, video or internet connection, provided that such attendance and participation is in compliance with this policy and the laws of the State of Illinois
- (2) The following prerequisites must apply:
 - (a) The member must notify the Village Clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting, unless in case of an emergency
 - (b) The member must meet one of the four reasons described herein why the member is unable to physically attend the meeting:
 - 1. Personal illness or disability;
 - 2. Employment purposes or the business of the public body;
 - 3. A family or other emergency; or
 - 4. Unexpected childcare obligations
 - (c) A quorum of the physically present governing body must be present to consider whether to allow the individual to attend the meeting remotely. If a quorum of the members is physically present, a vote shall be taken to allow remote participation. A vote of majority of the quorum shall be necessary to decide the issue
 - (d) Meeting minutes shall reflect whether a member is an off-site participant

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Brighton.

PASSED, APPROVED and PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Brighton this 7th day of April, 2025.

VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON Macoupin and Jersey Counties, Illinois

Y: 7 10 M. Matthew P. Kasten, President

ATTEST:

Tamara Jenkins, Village Clerk