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**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE  
SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION TO ISSUE GENERAL  
OBLIGATION BONDS TO THE VOTERS OF GODFREY FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Godfrey Fire Protection District (the “District”) has considered the existing District facilities and the improvements and extensions necessary to be made thereto in order that the same will more adequately serve the needs and requirements of the citizens of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees does hereby find and determine that it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Board of Trustees be authorized to acquire real estate, construct, equip and furnish a new fire station, demolish an existing fire station, and acquire fire and rescue apparatus and equipment (the “Project”) at an estimated cost of \$7,500,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, there are insufficient funds on hand and available to pay the costs of the Project and it is necessary and in the best interests of the District to borrow money for such purposes and issue general obligation bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,500,000.00 (the “Bonds”); and

**WHEREAS**, before this Board of Trustees is authorized to issue the Bonds, a proposition must be submitted to the voters of this District and be approved by a majority of the votes cast on such proposition at an election called for that purpose in the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Board of Trustees hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and does hereby incorporate them into this Ordinance by reference.

**Section 2.** It is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Board of Trustees be authorized to provide the Project and issue the Bonds.

**Section 3.** A proposition authorizing the issuance of the Bonds to pay costs of the Project shall be submitted to the voters of the District in accordance with the general election law of the State of Illinois at the consolidated election to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (the “Election”).

**Section 4.** The Election shall be held in the voting precincts and the polling places established by the County Board of Madison County, Illinois (the “County”) for voters of the District.

**Section 5.** The County Clerk of the County shall give notice of the Election (the “Notice”) in accordance with the general election law of the State of Illinois by (a) publishing the Notice one time, not more than thirty (30) days nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the Election, in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (b) posting a copy of the Notice at least ten (10) days before the date of the Election in the principal office of the County Clerk.

**Section 6.** The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District shall post a copy of the Notice at least ten (10) days before the date of the Election at the principal office of the District.

**Section 7.** It is hereby found and determined that the *Alton Telegraph* is a local community newspaper having general circulation in the District as required by the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended.

**Section 8.** Notice of said election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

**Section 9.** The ballot to be used at the Election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, with such alterations, changes, deletions, and insertions as may be required by Article 24A, 24B or 24C of The Election Code of the State of Illinois, if an electronic, mechanical, or electric voting system is used at the Election.

**Section 10.** The Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed by the County Board of the County to act in the precincts at which said proposition will be submitted to the voters of the District.

**Section 11.** Not less than seventy-nine (79) days prior to the date of the Election, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the County Clerk of the County, in order that the proposition set forth herein may be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

**Section 12.** The Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and the time as provided by the general election law of the State of Illinois.

**Section 13.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

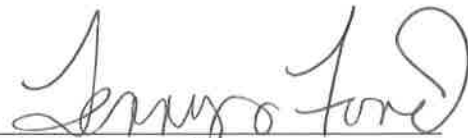
**Section 14.** All ordinances, orders, resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

AYES: Ford, Rynders, Fischer.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.



President, Board of Trustees of  
Godfrey Fire Protection District

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees of  
Godfrey Fire Protection District

**EXHIBIT A**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the consolidated election to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, the following proposition will be submitted to the legal voters of Godfrey Fire Protection District:

Shall Godfrey Fire Protection District be authorized to acquire real estate, construct, equip and furnish a new fire station, demolish an existing fire station, and acquire fire and rescue apparatus and equipment and issue its general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$7,500,000.00 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

The polls at said election will open at 6:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. on said day.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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County Clerk  
County of Madison, State of Illinois

**EXHIBIT B**  
**FORM OF BALLOT**

(Face of Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PROPOSITION TO ISSUE BONDS

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark a cross (X) in the space opposite  
the word indicating the way you desire to vote.)

Shall Godfrey Fire Protection District be authorized to acquire real estate, construct, equip and furnish a new fire station, demolish an existing fire station, and acquire fire and rescue apparatus and equipment and issue its general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$7,500,000.00 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?	YES	
	NO	

(Back of Paper Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official Ballot for the purpose of voting on the proposition to issue \$7,500,000.00 principal amount of general obligation bonds of Godfrey Fire Protection District at the consolidated election held on April 6, 2021.

Precinct Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Polling Place: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk  
County of Madison, State of Illinois

STATE OF ILLINOIS                     )  
   ) SS  
COUNTY OF MADISON                 )

**CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE**

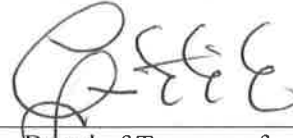
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Godfrey Fire Protection District, and as such, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board of Trustees of said District.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on January 15, 2021, entitled:

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PROTECTION DISTRICT**

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board of Trustees of the District on the adoption of said ordinance were taken openly; that the vote on the adoption of said ordinance was taken openly; that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public; that notice of said meeting was duly given to all news media requesting such notice; that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board of Trustees of the District at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting on a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday in the State of Illinois; that said agenda contained a specific reference to said ordinance; and that said meeting was called and held in strict accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that said Board of Trustees has complied with all of the applicable provisions of said Act and its procedural rules in the adoption of said ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 15 day of January 2021.



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Secretary, Board of Trustees of  
Godfrey Fire Protection District

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF MADISON )

**FILING CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of the County of Madison, Illinois (the "County"), and as such official I do further certify as follows:

1. That on the date below there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of an ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO THE VOTERS OF GODFREY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of Godfrey Fire Protection District (the "District"), on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

2. That included in said certification were the form of a public question (the "Question") to be placed on the ballot at the consolidated election to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 (the "Election"), and the date on which the Question was initiated by the adoption of said ordinance.

3. That the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election.

4. That notice that the Question will be submitted to the voters of the District at the Election (the "Notice") will be given as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, by (a) publishing the Notice once not more than 30 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in the *Alton Telegraph*, being a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the District, and (b) posting a copy of the Notice at my principal office at least 10 days before the date of the Election as set forth in Section 5 of said ordinance, and that the Notice will be substantially in the form set forth on Exhibit A of said ordinance.

19th IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the County, this day of January, 2021.

*Debra D. Ming Mendoza*  
County Clerk of the County of Madison, Illinois

*Eric Cooper*  
Deputy

