

**VILLAGE OF DOLTON
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE NO. 15-042

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-004
ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF
“INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON”
AND DESIGNATING THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2013, the Board of Trustees passed and approved Ordinance No. 13-004 establishing the Office of Independent Inspector General and further designating the Cook County Sheriff to hold the Office of Independent Inspector General;

WHEREAS, it remains imperative that the residents of the Village trust and have confidence in the integrity of their elected and appointed officials, as well as the employees of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff’s Office has offered to continue to serve the Village, without charge, in the capacity of an Independent Inspector General for the Village of Dolton; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees have determined that further authorizing the Cook County Sheriff’s Office to hold that office will assist the corporate authorities in promoting honesty, transparency, ethical responsibility and fiscal responsibility in the Village government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DOLTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, in the exercise of the Village’s home rule authority, that Ordinance No. 13-004 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1: Office of Independent Inspector General Created. There is hereby created the office of “Independent Inspector General” (“OIG”) for the Village of Dolton.

SECTION 2: Designation of Cook County Sheriff. The Office of the Cook County Sheriff is hereby designated as the OIG. The OIG shall serve ~~for an initial term of two (2) years and may be reappointed thereafter for successive two (2) year terms.~~ until a successor is appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees. The OIG shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 3: Purpose of Office. The purpose of the OIG is to detect, deter and prevent corruption, fraud, waste, mismanagement, unlawful political discrimination, unlawful activity and/or misconduct in the operation of Village government (collectively referred to elsewhere in Ordinance as “Misconduct”). “Unlawful political discrimination” shall include, but not be limited to basing the terms and conditions of a non-exempt employee’s employment such as hiring, firing, promotion, transfer, discipline or termination on political reasons and factors.

SECTION 4: Powers and Duties of OIG. The OIG shall have the following powers and duties:

A. To receive and register complaints concerning Misconduct in the operation of Village government, including but not limited to:

- (i) Misconduct in connection with the Village’s award of any contract, license, or benefit;
- (ii) Misconduct of any Village employee;
- (iii) Misconduct of any elected or appointed official of the Village in the performance of his or her official duties;
- (iv) Misconduct of contractors, vendors, and professional service providers who furnish goods and services to the Village; and

(v) Misconduct of persons and businesses seeking to do business with the Village.

(vi) Retaliation against any Village employee or elected or appointed official of the Village based upon their cooperation with the OIG.

B. To investigate Misconduct in the operation of Village government, either in response to such complaints or on the OIG's own initiative.

C. To refer complaints and information regarding possible Misconduct to other outside law enforcement agencies, including, but not limited to the ~~United State's Attorney~~ the Cook County State's Attorney's Office or Illinois Attorney General's Office.

D. To obtain information from and conduct interviews under oath with Village elected or appointed officials, employees, agents, contractors and persons doing or seeking to do business with the Village for the purpose of investigating potential Misconduct.

E. To make recommendations for corrective action to the Mayor and Board of Trustees with respect to combating Misconduct.

F. To provide periodic reports to the President and Board of Trustees as to the status of matters within the scope of OIG's authority, to the extent such reporting would not impair the integrity of ongoing investigations.

G. To maintain an OIG hotline number and email address in order to facilitate citizen and employee reports of Misconduct.

SECTION 5. Duty to Cooperate.

A. It shall be the duty of all Village employees, elected and appointed officials, agents, independent contractors to the Village, vendors, licensees, and those doing or seeking to do business with the Village, to cooperate with the OIG in the conduct of any investigation undertaken pursuant to the OIG's authority.

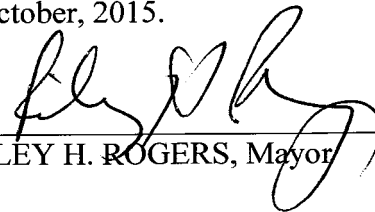
B. Subject to constitutional protections, failure of any Village employee or appointed official to cooperate with the OIG shall be considered cause for disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment or removal from office.

C. It shall be the duty of any party doing business with the Village to likewise cooperate with the OIG. Refusal to so cooperate shall be considered cause for termination of a contract, license or similar benefit, or as grounds for the Village refusing to enter into a future contract, license or other benefit.

SECTION 6: Acknowledgement of Duty to Cooperate. All contracts for goods and services, and all future licenses or other benefits issued by the Village after the effective date of this Ordinance, shall be subject to the requirement that the individual or entity receiving the contract, license, or benefit, agree to fully comply with requirements of this Ordinance relating to cooperation with the Inspector General's Office

SECTION 7: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of October, 2015.


RILEY H. ROGERS, Mayor

ATTEST:


MARY KAY DUGGAN, Clerk

Ayes: 6 Brown, Henyard, Hunt, Muhammad, Pierson, Stubbs

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0