

**ORDINANCE NO. 1001**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “LA GRANGE PARK  
MUNICIPAL CODE” AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Village of La Grange Park operates and maintains a combined sewer which is designed and intended to receive wastewater, storm, surface and ground water; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Village of La Grange Park completed a Flood Mitigation Report which identified a mandatory downspout disconnection program as one of eight (8) strategies to increase the capacity of the sewer to mitigate combined system overflows and its impacts; and

WHEREAS, downspout disconnection programs are an identified effective measure in reducing the discharge of large volumes of rooftop water into our sewer, reducing pollutants in our waterways; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees, after reviewing the circumstances and ramifications of downspout connections into the Village’s combined sewer, have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village to impose a mandatory disconnection by a date certain by amending Title V of the La Grange Park Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Section 50.28 of Chapter 50 of the Village of La Grange Park Municipal Code is repealed and the following Section 50.28 is substituted therefor:

**§ 50.28 DISCONNECTION OF DOWNSPOUTS FROM SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEM**

(A) New gutters and downspouts. The installation of gutter and downspout systems on all new structures, and the replacement of gutter and downspout systems on all existing structures shall be designed and constructed to drain onto or into the ground and not drain into the conveying sanitary sewer.

(B) Existing structures.

(1) Prior to a closing on the sale of a property within the Village of La Grange Park, any gutter and downspout system connected to a sewer conveying sanitary sewage shall be disconnected at ground level or at the nearest pipe joint to ground level, reconfigured to drain onto or into the ground and not drain into the conveying sanitary

sewer, and sealed with cement or cap and adhesive to provide a permanent disconnection from the sanitary sewer.

(2) No later than January 1, 2017, any gutter and downspout system of a single family residence connected to a sewer conveying sanitary sewage shall be disconnected at ground level or at the nearest pipe joint to ground level, reconfigured to drain onto or into the ground and not drain into the conveying sanitary sewer, and sealed with cement or cap and adhesive to provide a permanent disconnection from the sanitary sewer.

(D) Direction of drainage flow. All new or reconfigured gutter and downspout systems shall be designed and constructed to drain storm water directly into the front yard, rear yard or side yard of the structure being served. The drainage from the gutter and downspout system shall not be directed onto any adjoining property.

(E) Exemptions. Exemptions to this section may be granted by the Director of Fire and Building, or a designee, who will consult with the Village Engineer concerning the exemption request. If following written request it is determined that compliance with this section will create a substantial hardship, an exemption may be granted and shall be in writing and kept on file in the Building Department. For purposes of this section, a substantial hardship shall exist when one or more of the following shall apply, and no practical alternative design solutions exist for the disconnection:

(1) Compliance will result in storm water damage to the structure served by the gutter and downspout system, or an adjoining structure or adjoining property. If an exemption request is made upon this basis, documentation from a licensed plumber or civil engineer shall accompany the request to identify the specific damage or hazards that may result.

(2) The design of the existing gutter and downspout system makes compliance impractical due to physical or natural obstructions that would make compliance impossible to achieve.

(F) Appeals.

(1) Any person appealing a decision of the Director of Fire & Building shall make the appeal by written notice filed in the Office of the Director of Fire and Building within 30 days from the date of the decision being appealed.

(2) The Director of Fire and Building shall request that the Appeals Board call a hearing on said appeal within 30 days of said notice of appeal filing. The Appeals Board shall consist of the Village President and Village Board of Trustees. The Appeals Board shall render a decision within ten days after completing such hearing.

(G) Inspections. Property owners shall provide property access to village personnel for purposes of inspecting compliance with this section, or to determine the validity of any request for an exemption to these standards.

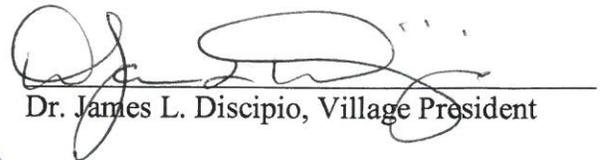
SECTION 2: That all ordinance and resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, expressly repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Village of La Grange Park, Cook County, Illinois this 27 day of JAN, 2015.

YES: 5  
NO: 0  
ABSENT: 1

Approved this 27 day of JAN, 2015.

  
Dr. James L. Discipio, Village President

ATTEST: Amanda G. Seidel  
Amanda Seidel, Village Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM – VILLAGE ATTORNEY: 1/8/2015