

**AN ORDINANCE BANNING CORPORATE INCENTIVES
ANTI-CORPORATE WELFARE ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Arlington Heights is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, per Section 2-204 of the Municipal Code, upon a petition by at least one percent of the registered voters of the Village shall consider any proposal contained in the petition to amend, add to or delete from the general ordinances contained in the municipal code; and

WHEREAS, corporate welfare undermines the principles of equal rights enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Illinois Constitution, and the Arlington Heights municipal code; and

WHEREAS, a 2017 poll conducted by the University of Chicago's Initiative on Global Markets found that 83 percent of the economists surveyed agreed, "Providing state and local subsidies to build stadiums for professional sports teams is likely to cost the relevant taxpayers more than any local economic benefits that are generated."; and

WHEREAS, University of Illinois at Chicago Professor David Merriman reviewed more than 30 studies of TIF over several decades, and concluded that, "in most cases, TIF has not accomplished the goal of promoting economic development."; and

WHEREAS, an August 2021 poll by Americans for Prosperity Illinois revealed 77 percent of Illinoisans oppose corporate welfare for political insiders, and support providing a level playing field for all businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. BAN OF CORPORATE WELFARE PROGRAMS. The Village of Arlington Heights is prohibited from offering or extending any financial incentive to any business or corporation to operate in the village.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS. For use in this ordinance, "incentive" means any economic, financial benefit, or other incentives, including, but not limited to, those authorized under the Property Tax Code, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code (including, but not limited to, the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act), or any other provision of law authorizing abatements, credits, loans or tax or fee reductions.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance will be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

AYES:

NAYS:

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

ORDINANCE INITIATION

Village of Arlington Heights

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the Village of Arlington Heights in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the **anti-corporate welfare ordinance** shall be voted on by the Arlington Heights Village Board pursuant to Section 2-204 of the municipal code.

NAME (Voter's Signature)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (Optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
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 County of Cook)

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code) _____, County of _____ State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day of filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of Arlington Heights, and their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

 (Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me on _____.
 (Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

 Notary Public's Signature