

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM
(MABAS MASTER AGREEMENT 2022)

WHEREAS, the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (“MABAS”) was organized beginning in 1968 in the northwest and western suburbs of Chicago, Illinois to coordinate and automate fire department mutual aid, based roughly on the Chicago Fire Department’s box alarm system of predetermined resources assigned to respond to a specific incident or area; and

WHEREAS, since 1968, MABAS has grown into a multi-state organization to coordinate responses to fires, emergency medical calls, hazardous material, technical rescue and other emergencies and disasters through prearranged mutual aid and dispatch agreements; and

WHEREAS, the MABAS system is designed to facilitate all levels of mutual aid from day-to-day automatic aid responses to major incidents and disasters requiring significant deployment of resources; and

WHEREAS, MABAS member units include the gamut from all-volunteer fire departments to major cities like Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, since the last revision of the master MABAS intergovernmental agreement in about 1988, MABAS has grown exponentially to its current composition of almost 1200 Illinois units and 2200 total units in Illinois and several adjoining States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, 1970, Article VII, Section 10, authorizes units of local government to contract or otherwise associate among themselves, with the State, with other States and their units of local government, and with the United States to obtain and share services and to exercise, combine, or transfer any power or function in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and to further contract or otherwise associate with individuals, associations, and corporations in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*, provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or which may be exercised by a unit of local government may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other unit of local government including units of local government from another state; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/5, provides that any one or more public agencies may contract with any one or more public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity or undertaking which any of the public agencies entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform, provided that such contract shall be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract; and

WHEREAS, in order to become a member of MABAS, the Village must enter into an intergovernmental agreement, in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A (“*Intergovernmental Agreement*”); and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement to secure the benefits of mutual aid in fire protection, firefighting, rescue, emergency medical services and other activities for the protection of life and property from an emergency or disaster and to provide for communications procedures, training and other necessary functions to further the provision of said protection of life and property from an emergency or disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

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

SECTION 2: APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. The Intergovernmental Agreement is hereby approved.

SECTION 3. EXECUTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. The Village Manager and the Village Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest, on behalf of the Village, the Intergovernmental Agreement and all necessary documentation related thereto.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution will be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2023

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

EXHIBIT A

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT