

Ordinance

CB-O-0021-18

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE NORTH WESTMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT UNDER PUBLIC ACT 98-0126

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of DuPage County taxpayers that more efficient service delivery models be established to replace units of government which are not financially sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman and members of the County Board under the DuPage ACT Initiative (accountability, consolidation, transparency) sought and received supplemental legislative authority from the General Assembly authorizing the dissolution of certain units of local government and the consolidation of governmental functions in the best interest of taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 98-1026 authorizes the DuPage County Board to propose by ordinance the dissolution of certain specified units of local government, including the North Westmont Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the North Westmont Fire Protection District is a unit of local government established under the Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705/4); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Westmont has established a special service area (hereafter "Special Service Area No. 2") under the Special Service Area Tax Law (35 ILCS 200/27-5) to provide for fire and emergency medical services to a portion of unincorporated DuPage County, including all territory within the North Westmont Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Westmont currently provides fire and emergency medical services to the territory under contract with the North Westmont Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Westmont will continue to provide fire and emergency medical services to Special Service Area No. 2; and

WHEREAS, the creation of Special Service Area No. 2 and dissolution of the North Westmont Fire Protection District eliminates the District's outstanding financial obligations to the Village of Westmont, which amount to \$60,000 annually, and further provides a stable funding source for continued delivery of fire and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the dissolution of the North Westmont Fire Protection District will abolish its property tax levy, and eliminate \$11,000 in annual professional services costs and trustee compensation (as provided by statute) necessary to maintain the unit; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Public Act 98-0126, the dissolution of the North Westmont Fire Protection District will not increase the average response times nor decrease the level of service provided; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Board of DuPage County, Illinois that:

1. The County Board does hereby propose the dissolution of the North Westmont Fire District pursuant to Public Act 98-0126; and
2. The Chairman of the County Board shall cause an audit of the North Westmont Fire Protection District to occur, the findings of which are to be reported back to the County Board within thirty (30) days; and
3. The Clerk shall publish notice of this Ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation served by the North Westmont Fire Protection District and on the County's website.

Enacted and approved this 10th day of April, 2018 at Wheaton, Illinois.

DANIEL J. CRONIN, CHAIRMAN
DU PAGE COUNTY BOARD

Attest: _____
PAUL HINDS, COUNTY CLERK