## VILLAGE OF RICHTON PARK

## RESOLUTION NO. <u>R-27-23</u>

## A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF RICHTON PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING A WATER RATE FREEZE, IF HOME RULE IS APPROVED BY ELECTORS

WHEREAS, the Village of Richton Park, Cook County, Illinois (the "Village") is a duly organized and existing municipal corporation created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, as from time to time supplemented and amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is currently a non-home rule unit of government within the meaning of the Constitution of the State of Illinois (the "Constitution"); and

**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Richton Park (the "*Corporate Authorities*") to ensure residential property owners of the Village will benefit from Home Rule by freezing the water rate taxes for at least five (5) years beginning in 2028 after the March 19, 2024 successful passage of Home Rule; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities recognize that all homeowners of the Village bear the burden of increasing water rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities realize that freezing the water bill rates for five (5) years for Homeowners beginning in 2028 will serve to strengthen the economy of the Village and is a method to provide immediate relief to Village residents; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Village obtains Home Rule status, the Corporate Authorities find that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village to provide the tax relief as outlined in this Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Richton Park, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

**<u>SECTION 2</u>**: The Corporate Authorities hereby declare the intent of the Village, if residents approve Home Rule, to create a water rate freeze program beginning in 2028.

**<u>SECTION 3</u>**: If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4:** All resolutions, motions, or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 5:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Approved and Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023

Rick Reinbold Mayor of the Village of Richton Park

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

RECORDED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM by Authority of the Board of Trustees:

\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Mike Jordan Clerk of the Village of Richton Park