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**ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL ON THIS 14th DAY OF
November, 2022.**

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authority of the Mayor and City
Council of the City of Country
Club Hills, Cook County, Illinois,
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WHEREAS, Section 7.2.16 of the Country Club Hills City Code prohibits the possession and use of illegal fireworks under various circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the illegal use of fireworks is dangerous to the community and frequently interferes with the use and enjoyment of nearby properties, particularly during times of high illegal use such as Fourth of July and New Year’s Eve; and

WHEREAS, illegal fireworks are frequently organized by or allowed to take place by an owner, tenant, or someone else in charge of a particular property; and

WHEREAS, when the Police Department and Fire Department are called to a scene where there have been illegal fireworks explosions, it is difficult, if not impossible, for the Departments to determine the individuals actually igniting the illegal fireworks; and

WHEREAS, in order to more effectively enforce the fireworks laws, the Mayor and City Council have determined that it is reasonable to make “Hosts,” as defined in this Ordinance, responsible for illegal fireworks activity taking place on the hosts’ premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN THE EXERCISE OF THE CITY'S HOME RULE POWERS, as follows:

Section 1: **Amendment.** Section 7.2.16 of the Country Club Hills City Code, “Fireworks,” is hereby amended by adding the following definition to subsection (A):

[New language in bold]:

7.2.16. Fireworks.

“Host” means a person who either is in charge of private property, including, but not limited to an owner, tenant, landlord or property manager of the property; or who organizes, supervises, officiates, conducts, controls, or is otherwise in charge of the activity on such property.

Section 2: **Amendment.** Section 7.2.16 of the Country Club Hills City Code, “Fireworks,” is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection (D), “Host

Liability”: [New language in bold]:

(D) “Host Liability”

No host shall allow any person to violate the provisions of this Section 7.2.16 on the host’s private property. A host shall not be liable for a violation of this Section if such person promptly reports a violation of this Section to the Police Department at the time it is occurring.

Section 3: **Amendment.** Section 7.2.16 of the Country Club Hills City Code, “Fireworks,” is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection (E), “Penalty”:

[New language in bold]:

(E) Penalty.

Any person found to be in violation of this Section 7.2.16 shall be subject to a fine of not less than FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS nor more than TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS for each violation. Violations shall be processed through the City’s administrative adjudication system in accordance with Section 6.6.18 of the City Code.

Section 4: **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE this 14 day of November, 2022.

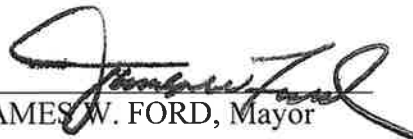
AYES: 3 Aldermen Lockett, Davis and Edwards

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 Aldermen Evans and Spivey

ABSTAIN: 0

APPROVED this 14th day of November, 2022.


JAMES W. FORD, Mayor

ATTEST:


PATRICIA D. HUTSON, City Clerk

