

ORDINANCE NO. 185

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SOLICITATION AND ACCEPTANCE
OF GIFTS AND ADOPTING THE STATE GIFT BAN ACT
(5 ILCS 425/1 ET. SEQ.; P.A. 90-737)
FOR THE NORTHFIELD WOODS SANITARY DISTRICT,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has enacted the State Gift Ban Act (hereinafter referred to as “Act”) (P.A. 90-737; House Bill 672; 5 ILCS 425/1 et seq.), which became effective on January 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Section 83 of the Act (5 ILCS 425/83) provides in pertinent part:

Within 6 months after the effective date of this Act, units of local government, home rule units, and school districts shall prohibit the solicitation and acceptance of gifts, and shall enforce those prohibitions, in a manner substantially in accordance with the requirements of this Act and shall adopt provisions no less restrictive than the provisions of this Act.

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Northfield Woods Sanitary District, in an effort to comply with the action required by Section 83 of the Act, hereby pass and approve this Ordinance to bring the Northfield Woods Sanitary District in compliance with the dictates of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Northfield Woods Sanitary District, Cook County, Illinois:

SECTION 1: STATE GIFT BAN ACT

Adoption of Act

(a) The State Give Ban Act (5 ILCS 425 et seq.) (hereinafter referred to as “Act”) is hereby adopted as required by Section 83 of the Act (5 ILCS 425/83).

(b) The solicitation or the acceptance of gifts prohibited to be solicited or accepted under the Act is prohibited by any elected or appointed official or any employee of the Northfield Woods Sanitary District.

Ethics Officer

To the extent authorized by law and to the extent required by Section 35 of the Act (5 ILCS 425/35), Michael D. Downing is appointed to serve as the “ethics officer” of the Northfield Woods Sanitary District. The ethics officer’s duties shall be as provided in Section 35.

State Legislative Ethics Commission; Complaints

All complaints for violations of the Act and this Ordinance shall be filed with the State legislative ethics commission (created by Section 45(a)(6) of the Act).

Future Amendments to State Gift Ban Act

Any amendment to the State Gift Ban Act (5 ILCS 425/1 et seq.) that becomes effective after the passage of this Ordinance shall be incorporated into this Ordinance by reference and shall be applicable to the solicitation and acceptance of gifts. However, any amendment that makes its provisions optional for adoption by municipalities shall not be incorporated into this Ordinance by reference without formal action by the President and Board of Trustees of the Northfield Woods Sanitary District.

Future Declaration of Unconstitutionality of State Gift Ban Act

(a) If the Illinois Supreme Court declares the State Gift Ban Act (5 ILCS 425/1 et seq.) unconstitutional in its entirety, then this Ordinance shall be repealed as of the date that the Supreme Court’s decision becomes final and not subject to any further appeals or rehearings. The Ordinance shall be deemed repealed without further action by the President and

Board of Trustees of the Northfield Woods Sanitary District if the Act is found unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court.

(b) If the Illinois Supreme Court declares part of the State Gift Ban Act (5 ILCS 425/1 et. seq.) unconstitutional by upholds the constitutionality of the remainder of the Act or does not address the remainder of the Act, then the remainder of the Act as adopted by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect; however, that part of this Ordinance relating to the part of the Act found unconstitutional shall be deemed repealed without further action by the President and Board of Trustees of the Northfield Woods Sanitary District.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be in effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED this 7th day of March, 2000.

AYES: 3

APPROVED this 7th day of March, 2000.

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 0

Approved:

Attest:

/s/ Frank S. Ness
Frank S. Ness, President

/s/ Joseph M. Fagan
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