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BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and executed April 25, 1970, by and among the VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON, VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS, VILLAGE OF DEER PARK, VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON, VILLAGE OF TOWER LAKE and VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON (hereinafter referred to as the "Villages"),

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, an Act entitled "An Act to Authorize Regional Councils of Public Officials and Private Regional Organizations" authorizes the governing bodies of two or more governmental units to enter into an agreement with each other for the establishment of regional councils of public officials, and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of each of the Villages has duly adopted a resolution declaring its intent to become a member of the Barrington Area Council of Governments and to comply with all of the provisions of the By-laws of said Council, provided each of the Villages may withdraw from said Council upon sixty (60) days notice by resolution of its President and Board of Trustees notwithstanding any provisions of the By-laws to the contrary which may then be in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed as follows:

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1. The Villages hereby create and establish the Barrington Area Council of Governments, which Council shall be governed by the provisions of the By-laws, a copy of which are attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A hereof.

2. Each of the Villages agrees to be bound by and comply with all of the provisions of the By-laws, provided that each of the Villages may withdraw from the Council upon sixty (60) days notice by resolution of its President and Board of Trustees notwithstanding any provisions of the By-laws to the contrary which may be in effect at any time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Villages have caused these presents to be duly executed by their respective Presidents and attested by their respective Village Clerks.

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON

By _____
President

ATTEST:

_____
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

By _____
President

ATTEST:

_____
Deputy Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF DEER PARK

By Robert H. Shampen
President

ATTEST:

Nora Parnell
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON

By Elwood F. Caldwell
President

ATTEST:

Lora Lee Davis
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF TOWER LAKES

By April C. Wagner
President

ATTEST:

Sharon C. Wade
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

By Arthur J. Hoffelt
President

ATTEST:

Norma L. Robertson
Village Clerk

BARRINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

We, the representatives of certain local governments in the Barrington Area, hereby join together in a voluntary organization to be known as the Barrington Area Council of Governments as authorized by an Act entitled "An Act to authorize regional councils of public officials and private regional organizations" for the purpose of meeting together at regular intervals to discuss and study community challenges of mutual interest and concern, and to develop policy and action recommendations for possible ratification and implementation by member local governments subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth.

The Barrington Area shall be defined as the area within the corporate limits of the villages of Barrington, Barrington Hills, Deer Park, Lake Barrington, North Barrington, Tower Lakes and South Barrington, and their zones of effective legal perimeter influence.

We realize that our individual and common destinies rest with the interdependent actions of local governments which comprise our region.

This voluntary association which we have formed is a vehicle for closer cooperation and is not a new layer of governments nor a super-government. As a voluntary organization of local governments, the members seek, by mutual agreement, solutions to mutual problems for mutual benefit.

I. PURPOSE

The Barrington Area Council of Governments shall be a voluntary organization of local governments to foster a cooperative effort in resolving problems, policies, and plans that are common and regional. The purposes of this organization are:

1. To serve as a vehicle for the collection and/or exchange of information of regional interest, and as a mutual forum to identify, discuss, study and bring into focus regional challenges and opportunities.

2. To provide a continuing organizational machinery to insure effective communication and coordination among governments and agencies, and to serve as a regional spokesman.

3. To foster, develop and review policies, plans and priorities for regional growth, development and conservation.

4. To facilitate agreements and cooperative action proposals among member governments for specific projects and services or other interrelated developmental needs, including, but not limited to, such matters as an area-wide comprehensive plan, police and fire protection, roads, traffic and public utilities.

II. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Council shall have power to:

1. study such area governmental problems common to two or more members of the Council as it deems appropriate, including but not limited to matters affecting health, safety, welfare, education, economic conditions and regional development;

2. promote cooperative arrangements and coordinate action among its members; and

3. make recommendations for review and action to the members and other public agencies that perform functions within the region.

All such powers are advisory in nature.

III. MEMBERSHIP

A. Eligibility. Voting membership shall be open to the village governments of the Villages of Barrington, Barrington Hills, Deer Park, Lake Barrington, North Barrington, Tower Lakes, and South Barrington. Associate non-voting membership shall be open to the government of any township, or of any school, park, library, water, sanitary or other limited purpose district which is within the Barrington Area as defined above to the extent of fifty per cent (50%) or more of the area included within its boundaries.

B. Conditions. A local government, to become a member and retain membership in the Council, shall:

1. Enter into the intergovernmental agreement creating the Council; and

2. Comply with requirements in the By-laws of the Council concerning financial contributions of its members.

C. Representation. Each member government shall be officially represented by its duly elected Chief Executive. If such member government does not have an elected Chief Executive, a member of its governing body shall be chosen by such body to be its representative. An alternate representative shall also be designated by such governing body.

D. Admission and Withdrawal. An eligible government may become a member of the Council, or withdraw from such membership upon sixty (60) days notice when its local governing body signifies by formal resolution (or other legal device) a request in writing to the Council for admission or withdrawal.

IV. EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. General Policy Body. There shall be an Executive Board composed of the authorized representatives of voting members of the Council. The Executive Board shall be responsible for initiating and administering the policies of the Council.

B. Voting. Each voting member local government shall have one vote on the Executive Board. Except where otherwise specified, voting shall be by simple majority of those present and voting.

C. Meetings. The Executive Board must meet not less than once each calendar quarter and must also meet upon call of the Chairman or by petition of two or more voting members. Written notice of meetings shall be furnished not less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance unless this requirement is waived in writing by every member not so notified.

D. Quorum. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a simple majority of the total voting membership.

E. Responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Executive Board shall be to conduct the business of the Council in accordance with these By-laws, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. To adopt Council budget and membership fee schedules;

2. To adopt and subsequently to amend whenever and wherever necessary these By-laws subject to the voting requirements set forth in Section VIII hereof;

3. To appoint and review the actions of committees;

4. To render advice and technical assistance on request of member governments in regard to local governmental problems having regional impact;

5. To initiate, advise, and aid in the establishment of cooperative arrangements, including interlocal agreements among local governments in the area as as previously defined;

6. To propose, initiate or approve any study, policy, discussion, plan, or other Council policy matters;

7. To appoint, fix salary of, and remove such staff (including an Executive Director) as may be required, and to enter into such other arrangements as may appropriate with respect to the provision of office or other facilities for such staff;

8. To serve as financial control body and receive funds for the Council;

9. To seek and accept contributions and grants-in-aid;

10. To annually elect as officers of the Executive Board and of the Council, a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be required. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman must be elected from among the voting members of the Executive Board.

V. STAFF

The Executive Director (if appointed) shall be responsible for co-ordinating all staff and consultant services provided to the Council; preparing and administering the annual work program and budget; and performing all other duties delegated to him by the Executive Board.

VI. FINANCES

A. Control. Funds which accrue to the Council for its use in furthering the aims and purposes of this voluntary organization shall be controlled, dispersed, and accounted for in a manner prescribed and approved by the Executive Board.

B. Form. Financial contributions to the Council may be provided as cash or in the form of property or services, the cash equivalent of which can be readily determined. After adoption of the annual budget, the Executive Board shall recommend to each member unit of government the amount of funds and/or equivalent services to be provided.

C. Apportionment. Unless otherwise recommended by the Executive Board, the Financial and/or equivalent services contribution by each voting member for each fiscal year shall bear the same relation to the total such contributions made for such fiscal year by all voting members as the assessed valuation for property tax purposes of all property lying within the Village boundaries of such voting member bears to the total assessed valuation for property tax purposes of all property lying within the village boundaries of all voting members of the Council. Such assessed valuations shall be the most recent ones available as of the date of the apportionment of such contributions by the Executive Board.

D. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Council shall commence on July 1.

E. Budget Submission and Adoption. The budget of the Council shall be submitted to the Executive Board on or before March 1 of each year. The annual budget and assessment schedule shall be adopted by the Executive

Board not later than June 1 of each year.

F. Annual Audit. The Executive Board shall cause an annual audit of the financial affairs of the Council to be made by a certified public accountant at the end of each fiscal year. The Executive Board shall employ a certified public accountant of its choosing. The audit report shall be made available to Council members and associate members.

VII. SPECIAL LIMITATION

No lawsuit may be filed by the Council, and no other action shall be taken by the Council, with respect to any question involving property located within the village limits of any member village, unless such action shall be approved by such member village.

VIII. AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be amended or repealed at regular or special meetings of the Executive Board, provided that a written notice shall have been sent fourteen (14) calendar days in advance to each member government, which notice shall state the amendments or changes which are proposed to be made in such By-laws, provided that the adoption of an amendment to Section VII or Section VIII shall require the affirmative vote of all villages who are members of the Council. The adoption of an amendment to any other section of these By-laws shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4ths) of the members of the Executive Board.