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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT
OF THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS**

January 6,
2014

To the Honorable Trustees of the Village of Barrington Hills:

In accordance with Sections 1-5-4 and 1-5-12 of the Village Code and Sections 3.1-45-5 and 3.1-40-45 of the Illinois Municipal Code, I hereby veto Ordinance No. 14-19 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5, ZONING REGULATIONS SET FORTH IN CHAPTERS 2, 3 AND 5 REGARDING HORSE BOARDING", which was passed by the Village Board of Trustees on December 15, 2014.

My opposition to this Text Amendment is well known, and I believe supported by a majority of the residents of the Village of Barrington Hills as evidenced by testimony and written submission to the Clerk. I join my fellow residents in being suspect about the reasons for the speed at which the majority of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Trustees determined to adopt the Text Amendment at issue – particularly when this issue had been the subject of lengthy debate in 2011, but never formally addressed. I believe the only change in circumstance which forced the series of special meetings to adopt the Text Amendment was a change in legal circumstances for one property owner in the Village. This is not a good reason to change the Village Code and its effect on all residents of the Village. The fact that the Text Amendment is to serve only one resident is brutally apparent given the retroactive nature of the Text Amendment.

Our Village working with South Barrington just settled 18 years of legal wrangling with Sears litigation which cost our taxpayers over \$1.5 million dollars. Now, the majority of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Trustees seem interested in only putting the Village right back, squarely in litigation yet again, because I am sure, like me, that you have heard the repeated threats of litigation should the Village Board adopt the Text Amendment. The temporary Village attorney and special counsel has provided a clear opinion as to the jeopardy a change in the law can cause. Yet, the majority of the Board seems not to care.

Lest there be any question, I want to make clear that I am a supporter of the Village's equestrian heritage. I support horse boarding. But, I do not support this text amendment. I believe we should mirror the countless other municipalities in the State of Illinois and allow large scale horse boarding through the grant of a Special Use Permit. Such a process will allow the Village to remain in authority over the operation of these commercial operations to protect the Village and the neighbors of such operations. The Zoning Board of Appeals recognized the value of the Special Use Approval for horse boarding in 2011, but does not now. One should ask, what has changed that we now are forced to allow commercial horse boarding as of right, by amending the definition of agriculture?

I am firmly opposed to this measure. Accordingly, I must return this Ordinance to the Village Board of Trustees with my veto. Pursuant to Sections 1-5-4 and 1-5-12 of the Village Code and Sections 3.1-45-5 and 3.1-40-45 of the Illinois Municipal Code, I hereby return Ordinance No. 14-19 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5, ZONING REGULATIONS SET FORTH IN CHAPTERS 2, 3 AND 5 REGARDING HORSE BOARDING", to the next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, occurring not less than 5 day after the date of passage, with the foregoing objections, vetoed in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Martin J. McLaughlin,
Village President, Village of Barrington Hills

Dated: _____