

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
VACANT AND APPOINTING A NEW CITY CLERK**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGENDA NO. 2024-497: The purpose of this amendment is to appoint Alderman Chuck Redpath as the new City Clerk.

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield is a home rule unit as defined in Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution and has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2024 City Clerk Frank Lesko was declared winner of the election for Sangamon County Recorder held at the November 5, 2024 General Election; and

WHEREAS, City Clerk Frank Lesko will need to resign from the City to accept his new role as Sangamon County Recorder with a term start date of his term as December 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-4 of Attachment 2 (entitled An Ordinance Providing for the Mayor/Aldermanic Form of Municipal Government for the City of Springfield) of an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Settlement Agreement Regarding Proposed Consent Decree and Submittal of a Final Consent Decree in Full Resolution of Action (Ordinance 526-6-87) commonly referred to as the Consent Decree ("Consent Decree") addresses vacancies in elected office; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-4 of Attachment 2 of the Consent Decree provides that if a vacancy occurs in the office of City Clerk, the City Council shall, within 60 days, appoint a person to fill the vacancy of the unexpired term or until the vacancy is filled by interim election pursuant to Section 3-2-7 of the Municipal Code (now Section 3.1-10-50); and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates a vacancy to arise by resignation in the office of City Clerk on or before December 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the next Consolidated Election in the City will be held on April 1, 2025, and the current term of the Springfield City Clerk does not expire until May 4, 2027; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-4 of Attachment 2 of the Consent Decree, City Council must appoint a person to fill a vacancy in the office of City Clerk within 60 days of the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appoint ~~a person~~ Alderman Chuck Redpath to fill the vacancy for the office of City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS:

Section 1: That the City Council hereby appoints ~~an individual~~ Alderman Chuck Redpath to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the office of City Clerk, which term is set to expire on May 4, 2027.

Section 2: That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and recording.

PASSED: _____, 202~~4~~

SIGNED: _____, 202~~4~~

RECORDED: _____, 202~~4~~

Mayor Misty Buscher

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Requested by: Mayor Misty Buscher
Alderman Chuck Redpath
Alderman Jim Donelan
Alderman Ralph Hanauer

 1/7/2025

Office of Corporation Counsel / Date