

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON ADOPTING CIVILITY PLEDGE

WHEREAS, the City of Washington recognizes that the public exchange of diverse ideas, viewpoints and robust debate are essential to democratic self-governance; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council as elected officials of the City of Washington, recognize the importance of engaging in free and spirited debate, while maintaining the highest standards of civility, honesty and mutual respect; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal League (IML) has adopted a Civility Pledge which encourages the core tenets of civility; and,

WHEREAS, the Civility Pledge states, “In the interest of civility, I pledge to promote civility by listening, being respectful of others, acknowledging that we are all striving to support and improve our community and understanding that we each may have different ideas for achieving that objective;” and,

WHEREAS, in order to publicly declare a commitment to civil discourse and to express concern for the common good and wellbeing of all residents of the City of Washington, the Mayor and City Council have determined it to be in the best interests of the City of Washington to adopt this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington adopt as follows:

Section 1. The Civility Pledge as set forth in this Resolution is hereby adopted.

Section 2. The elected and appointed officials of the City of Washington are asked to sign the Civility Pledge and adhere to it during all public meetings and in all official actions.

APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2025.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

Civility Pledge

In the interest of civility, I pledge to promote civility by listening, being respectful of others, acknowledging that we are all striving to support and improve our community and understanding that we each may have different ideas for achieving that objective.

Adopted by resolution number: R-1444

Aldersperson, Ward I

Dated: September 15, 2025

Aldersperson, Ward I

Signed and acknowledged by:

Aldersperson, Ward II

Mayor

Aldersperson, Ward II

City Clerk

Aldersperson, Ward III

City Treasurer

Aldersperson, Ward III

Aldersperson, Ward IV

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Aldersperson, Ward IV