

[Insert City Name]

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR THE ILLINOIS VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES ACT (H.B. 1195, S.B. 1409)

WHEREAS, the residents and City Council of [Insert City Name] are deeply concerned about the housing foreclosure crisis and the consequences for communities of the corresponding rise in vacant and abandoned properties; and,

WHEREAS, obtaining information regarding the existence of home foreclosures as well as the entity responsible for the maintenance and disposition of properties in foreclosure is extremely difficult and time consuming; and,

WHEREAS, properties in foreclosure as well as vacant and abandoned properties present difficult property maintenance issues and drain community resources:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF [Insert City and County name], as follows:

SECTION ONE: RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Resolution as findings of the City Council.

SECTION TWO: SUPPORT FOR INTENT OF LEGISLATION. The City Council finds that the intent and substance of two bills now before the Illinois General Assembly, H.B. 1195 and S.B. 1409, will be beneficial to the general public and protect the public health, safety and welfare by providing information and tools that the City can use to address home foreclosures and vacant and abandoned properties.

SECTION THREE: DIRECTION TO MAYOR AND [Insert Recommending Group i.e. Housing Commission]. The Mayor and the [insert recommending group, i.e. Housing Commission] are authorized to contact the City's State Senator and State Representatives and seek support for **THE ILLINOIS VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES ACT (H.B. 1195, S.B. 1409)** and to report back to the City Council their actions in this regard.

SECTION FOUR: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by a majority of the members of the City Council.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

PASSED:

APPROVED:

RESOLUTION NO.

[Mayor's Name], Mayor

ATTEST:

[City Clerk Name], City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

The Illinois Vacant and Abandoned Properties Act

[Insert Most Current Text of Act]