

**ORDINANCE 15-O-21**

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 136  
TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF WINTHROP HARBOR  
PROHIBITING OWNERSHIP OR MAINTENANCE  
OF NUISANCE PROPERTIES**

**WHEREAS**, the safety and peace of our community can be severely threatened by the use of private homes, apartment buildings and other structures for unlawful, gang-related or drug-related purposes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board wishes to take all reasonable steps possible to ensure that law enforcement has the tools and mechanisms necessary to protect our law-abiding citizens from the twin scourges of gangs and drugs, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village does not currently have regulations dealing specifically with housing and other structures which are being used for criminal purposes on a chronic or repetitive basis, but the same are found to pose serious problems of security, safety and public health in our community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has reviewed a proposed new chapter of the Village Code which establishes definitions of nuisance properties, prohibits the maintenance of the same and mechanisms where the same can be regulated and abated, and has found the same to be fair, appropriate and consonant with fundamental principles of due process, while properly balancing the rights of property owners with those of surrounding residents,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Village of Winthrop Harbor, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** Chapter 136 the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code is hereby created, which shall hereafter read as is set forth on the draft code attached as Exhibit A hereto.

**SECTION TWO:** This ordinance is intended to be severable, and if any portion thereof, or of the draft code adopted hereby is deemed to be unconstitutional or violative of any law or process, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect to the maximum extent possible under law.

**SECTION THREE:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

**PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WINTHROP HARBOR, ILLINOIS, ON THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.**

**APPROVED:**

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**ROBERT D. LOY, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**JANA J. LEE, VILLAGE CLERK**

**AYES: Braden, Hargett, Marabella, McCarthy, Robards, Weiss**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**FIRST READING: Waived October 6, 2015**

**SECOND READING: Waived October 6, 2015**

**ORDINANCE PASSED: October 6, 2015**