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**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW
VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Village has had a comprehensive plan in place for an extended period of time, having adopted its initial version of the same in 1977, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 65 ILCS 5/11-12-5 suggest that such plans are created and reviewed periodically in order to provide a general framework for citizens and businesses to use and refer to in evaluating the future course of development of land and business opportunities, and to ensure that such plans realistically reflect the current state of the municipality and its total environment, including ecology, business, transportation, recreation and all other aspects that together make a community what it is, as well as the factors that can be reasonably anticipated to effectuate changes in the relatively near term future, and

WHEREAS, the Village has been working with IDOT, METRA, CMAP and other state and local agencies on a number of initiatives, including a Station Area Plan that was intended to evaluate the potential for Transit Oriented Development, a complete revision of the downtown zoning codes and the establishment of a TIF district in efforts to spur residential and commercial development along the Main Street corridor leading to the North Point Marina, and

WHEREAS, in 2014, CMAP informed the Village that it had qualified through these efforts for funding to review and revise the existing comprehensive plan, and in October of 2014, a long series of meetings of officials and community members began, and

WHEREAS, a steering committee was established consisting of members of the Village Board of Trustees, Planning and Zoning Board Members, Economic Development Commission Members, the Village Clerk, Director of Community Development, Village Attorney and Representatives of Lake County Forest Preserves and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, who met on numerous occasions to work with CMAP representatives in efforts to create an initial working draft of a plan to present to the public, and

WHEREAS, the steering committee and CMAP coordinated public input sessions in December 2014, May 2015 and May 2016 in efforts to engage as many people within the community as possible in the planning process, with a reasonable degree of success, and which resulted eventually in a draft plan being forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Board for further review and revision, and

WHEREAS, the PZB met between November 2015 and May 2016 and discussed the drafts in working sessions on a number of occasions over a period of more than six months, ultimately holding a public hearing on the same on September 13, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the PZB did thereafter formally recommend to the Village Board that it consider adopting the draft comprehensive plan showing a revision date of August, 2016, a true copy of which is attached as Exhibit A hereto, and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2016, the Village Board did informally consider the PZB recommendation and directed the Village Attorney to draft this Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board now formally considers that recommendation and adopts the same, finding that the Exhibit A plan fairly and properly represents the current conditions existing within the Village, and that it reasonably lays out appropriate guidance for future development of the community, taking into consideration the needs of the populace, the natural beauty of the area, the transportation, business and recreational opportunities presented and all other aspects of this unique place to live, work and play alongside the blue waters of Lake Michigan,

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

SECTION ONE: The Exhibit A draft document dated August 2016 is hereby adopted as the Comprehensive Plan of the Village of Winthrop Harbor, superseding all prior versions thereof and standing henceforth as the vision of the Village for the future of the community.

SECTION TWO:

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 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

ATTEST:

ROBERT D. LOY, MAYOR

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK