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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §34.33
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF WINTHROP HARBOR
AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF EXPERIENCED
POLICE OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, the Village has long used a Board of Police Commissioners to hire and discipline full time sworn officers, consistent with the provisions of 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-1, et. seq., and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has advised the Village Board that from time to time qualified, fully trained candidates for the position of full time patrol officer can be located among persons currently, or recently, working for other police departments, which persons are sometimes described as “lateral hires”, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to secure the best possible candidates for sworn officer positions, and to do it in the most economical way that is prudent, and

WHEREAS, allowing the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners the discretion to establish a list of candidates for patrol officer from available lateral hires is a logical and cost-effective way of providing qualified, experienced officers to protect the public,

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

SECTION ONE: Section 34.33 of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended and shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

§ 34.33 POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Board of Police Commissioners shall exercise such powers in appointing, promoting, and removing officers and members of the Police Department and shall exercise such other and further powers as are granted by statute, except that the Board shall not have any such power with respect to the Chief of Police. The Board shall have power to make rules appropriate to carrying out its statutory and ordinance powers, but no such rule shall be made to govern the operation of the Police Department or the conduct of its members. In addition to the foregoing general powers, the Board shall further have the power to establish hiring lists comprised of so-called “lateral hires”, being sworn officers that are, or have recently been, working full time as sworn officers in other jurisdictions within Illinois and are fully qualified pursuant to state law to be hired by this and other municipalities.

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 15th DAY OF AUGUST, 2017 .

ATTEST:

DR. MICHAEL BRUNO, MAYOR

JULIE RITTENHOUSE, VILLAGE CLERK