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**VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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OF THE VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, FOR THE
VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF
ILLINOIS.**

**ADOPTED BY THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
VILLAGE OF MELROSE PARK**

THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2008

**RONALD M. SERPICO, Village President
MARY ANN PAOLANTONIO SALEMI, Village Clerk**

Board Of Trustees

**JOHN S. CONTEDEUCA
CATHLEEN COSSIDENT ITALIA
ARTURO J. MOTA
ANTHONY J. PRIGNANO
MARY RAMIREZ TACONI
JAIME ANGUIANO**

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**Published by authority of the
President and Board of Trustees
Of the Village of Melrose Park,
Cook County, Illinois on
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WHEREAS, the Village of Melrose Park, County of Cook, State of Illinois (the "Village") is a duly organized and existing village created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, with full powers to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions for the benefit of the residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village President (the "President"), the Honorable Ronald M. Serpico, the Village Clerk, the Honorable Mary Ann Paolantonio Salemi (the "Village Clerk"), having taken office on May 2, 2005, and the Board of Trustees of the Village (the "Village Board"), the Honorable John S. Conteduca, Cathleen Cossident Italia, Arturo J. Mota, Anthony J. Prignano, and Mary Ramirez Taconi, having taken office on May 14, 2007, and the Honorable Jaime Anguiano, having taken office on March 10, 2008, constitute the duly elected, qualified and acting officials of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board deems it advisable and necessary for the benefit of the Village and the health, safety, and welfare of its residents to amend Chapter 15.20 of the Village of Melrose Park Municipal Code (the "Village Code") regarding buildings and construction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Melrose Park, County of Cook, State of Illinois, as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
IN GENERAL**

Section 01. Incorporation Clause.

All of the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct, and the Village Board does hereby, by reference, incorporate and make them part of this Ordinance as legislative findings.

Section 02. Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 15.20, "Housing Code," of the Village Code regarding buildings and the construction of buildings.

Section 03. Invocation of Authority.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Village by the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Section 04. State Law Adopted.

All applicable provisions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, including the Illinois Municipal Code, as may be amended from time to time, relating to the purposes of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Sections 05-09 Reserved.

**ARTICLE II.
AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 15.20.**

Section 10.00 Amendment to Section 15.20.050.

That Section 15.20.050 of the Village Code is hereby amended, notwithstanding any provision, ordinance, resolution, or Village Code section to the contrary, by adding at the end of said section the following language:

“ N. Every stairway, raised floor area, balcony and porch minimally shall have such an arrangement of intermediate rails or ornamental

closures so as to prohibit the unobstructed passage of a sphere greater than four inches (4") in diameter; however, triangular openings formed by the riser, tread and/or any bottom railing must be of such a size and arrangement so as to prohibit the unobstructed passage of a sphere greater than six inches (6") in diameter."

Section 10.01 Amendment to Section 15.20.060.

That Section 15.20.060 of the Village Code is hereby amended, notwithstanding any provision, ordinance, resolution, or Village Code section to the contrary, by adding at the end of said section the following language:

" D. Every kitchen for residential use constructed, reconstructed, renovated, repaired or rebuilt (to the extent that more than fifty percent (50%) of the estimated value of the kitchen shall be reconstructed, renovated, repaired or rebuilt) after the effective date of this Ordinance shall be constructed with an exhaust hood or canopy and an exhaust fan with a duct system that provides ventilation shafts and/or ducts directly from the hood to the exterior wall of the structure."

Section 10.02 Amendment to Section 15.20.080.

That Section 15.20.080 of the Village Code is hereby amended, notwithstanding any provision, ordinance, resolution, or Village Code section to the contrary, by adding at the end of said section the following language:

" No person shall occupy or let to another for occupancy, and no owner shall knowingly suffer or permit any person to occupy, any dwelling or dwelling unit for the purpose of living, sleeping, cooking or eating therein, which does not comply with the following minimum requirements:

- (1) Every dwelling unit shall have at least two (2) unobstructed means of ingress and egress at opposite ends (sides) of such unit leading to a safe open space at ground level; and
- (2) Where applicable and subject to the review of the Building Commissioner, a stairwell for emergency egress from a structure, commonly referred to as a "fire escape," shall be installed and constructed to the following specifications:
 - (a) constructed by a properly licensed and permitted contractor;
 - (b) wholly constructed of steel;
 - (c) no less than thirty inches wide (30");
 - (d) with landings on each side of an exterior doorway; and

(e) with a vertical rise of no greater than twelve feet (12') between landings and any intermediate platforms.”

Section 10.03 Amendment to Section 15.20.100.

That Section 15.20.100 of the Village Code is hereby amended, notwithstanding any provision, ordinance, resolution, or Village Code section to the contrary, by adding at the end of said section the following language:

“ G. The erection of spiral staircases is strictly prohibited.”

Section 11.00 Other Actions Authorized.

The officers, employees and/or agents of the Village shall take all action necessary or reasonably required to carry out, give effect to and consummate the amendments contemplated by this Ordinance and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of any and all documents required to be delivered in connection with this Ordinance.

Sections 12.00 – 15.00. Reserved.

**ARTICLE III.
HEADINGS, SAVINGS CLAUSES,
PUBLICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section 16.00 Headings.

The headings for the articles, sections, paragraphs and sub-paragraphs of this Ordinance are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Ordinance nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of any substantive provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 17.00 Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and should any

provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-paragraph, section, or part of this Ordinance be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-paragraph, section, or part shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable, and as though not provided for herein, and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the Village Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted had not such unconstitutional or invalid provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-paragraph, section, or part thereof been included.

Section 18.00 Superseder.

All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

Section 19.00 Publication.

A full, true and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form or in a newspaper published and of general circulation within the Village as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.

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Section 20.00 Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be in effect immediately following its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

On The Individual Poll And Voice Vote Of The Board of Trustees:

AYE VOTES: Trustee Italia, Trustee Mota, Trustee Prignano,
Trustee Taconi, Trustee Anguiano

NAY VOTES:

ABSTAIN:

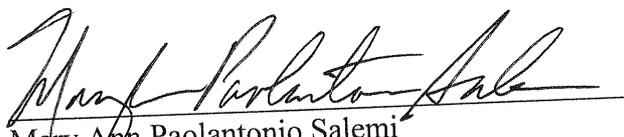
ABSENT: Trustee Conteduca

SO PASSED, ADOPTED, APPROVED AND ENACTED IN AND AT THE VILLAGE
OF MELROSE PARK, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS TENTH DAY OF
MARCH, 2008, A.D.

APPROVED:


RONALD M. SERPICO
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


Mary Ann Paolantonio Salemi
Village Clerk

(SEAL)

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