

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CITY OF ALLEN PARK**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE #01-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALLEN PARK CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE I, “IN GENERAL”, BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 2-1, “CITY SEAL”, TO CODIFY AND DEFINE PERMITTED USES OF THE CITY SEAL.**

**The City of Allen Park Ordains:**

**SECTION 1. Amendment to Code.**

That Section 2-1, “City Seal” is hereby added to Chapter 2, “Administration”, Article I, “In General”, to hereafter read as follows:

Chapter 2, Administration  
Article I, In General

**Sec. 2-1. City Seal.**

**(a) Definition.**

*City Seal* means the official seal of the City of Allen Park, which was adopted by Resolution on August 25, 1959, including any cut, facsimile, reproduction, incorporation, likeness, or derivation thereof, which consists of a circular seal consisting of a circular design, the inner ring of which shall have a white background on which is a shield divided into quarters. On the upper left quarter shall be emblazoned a flag patterned after the original American flag, with thirteen white stars on a field of blue and thirteen alternating red and white stripes, symbolizing that Allen Park is a part of the territory embraced by the Northwest Ordinance of 1787; the upper right quarter of which is bisected by a diagonal line on one section of which is a blue British Lion on a field of white and on the other section a white French Fleur-de-lis on a red background symbolizing that the City is on ground at times under British or French rule. The lower left quarter shall have a white map of Michigan on a white background with diagonal blue lines. The location of the City shall be indicated on the map by a red marking thereon. The lower right quarter shall have an Indian wigwam set against a background of pine trees outlined in blue on a field of white depicting that the lands on which the City is situated were one time forest covered and tribal lands inhabited by American Indians. Atop the shield, drawn in blue, shall be a figure of the American Eagle with spread wings covering the full width of the shield symbolizing authority and protection thereunder. There shall be an outer ring of blue, outlined in white, in which shall be inscribed in white “City of Allen Park”, two stars and “Founded in 1927” signifying the year in which the community was established and the face of which is substantially as set forth below.



**(b) Custodian.**

The City Clerk or his or her designee is the custodian of the City Seal.

**(c) Use of City Seal for official use.**

(1) The City Seal is the exclusive property of the City of Allen Park.

(2) The City Seal may be used by city employees, elected or appointed city officials and commissioners in connection with the performance of official city business or city sanctioned events, including but not limited to, placement of the City Seal on city vehicles, equipment, stationery, business card, nametag, city websites, handouts for city training sessions, city brochures, city presentations, city uniforms and city issued articles of clothing, city news releases, programs and bulletins, city-sponsored events, and city memorabilia used to promote the city.

(3) The City Clerk and his or her designee is authorized to use the City Seal on any ordinance, resolution or other instrument approved by the city council or executed by the Mayor, or other city officials, and to use the City Seal to authenticate official documents in the conduct of official city business.

**(d) Prohibited uses.**

Except as otherwise expressly allowed in this chapter, no person may knowingly:

(1) Display the City Seal in, or in connection with, any advertisement, poster, business card, circular, book, pamphlet, website, web application, or other publication, public meeting, play, motion picture, telecast, or other production, or on any building, monument, or

stationery, for the purpose of obtaining anything of value by confusing, deceiving or misleading anyone into a false impression of city action, support, approval, official sanction, sponsorship, or endorsement; or

- (2) Sell, or purchase for resale, any article that displays the City Seal in a manner that gives the false impression of city action, support, approval, official sanction, sponsorship, or endorsement.
- (3) Sell or purchase for resale and for personal benefit or, any article that displays the City Seal.
- (4) Use of City Seal for the purpose of obtaining personal benefits such as discounts, gifts or favorable treatment.

**(e) Offense and remedies.**

Each violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a civil infraction, punishable by a civil fine of \$500 and other remedy as provided in Section 1-14(c); (d) and (f). The city may also obtain injunctive relief. Any Commissioner who violates this ordinance may be removed by the Mayor and Council from the commission or commissions which they are a member.

**SECTION 2. Repeal.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 3. Saving Clause.**

Nothing in this Ordinance or in the code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. Severability.**

Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such word, sentence or phrase, and any portion of the Ordinance held to be so invalid shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. Codification; Scrivener's Errors:**

- (a). Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be codified, and all other sections shall not be codified.
- (b). The sections, divisions and provisions of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered as deemed appropriate by the Code codifier.
- (c). Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Ordinance, as determined by the City Clerk and City Attorney, may be corrected with the endorsement of the City Administrator, or designee, without the need for a public hearing.

**SECTION 6. Publication.**

The Clerk for the City of Allen Park shall cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**SECTION 7. Adoption.**

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the City Council of the City of Allen Park, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting, called and held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Gail McLeod, Mayor  
City of Allen Park

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MICHAEL I. MIZZI, City Clerk  
City of Allen Park