

CITY OF VILLA GROVE  
DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-MC21

**AN ORDINANCE PUTTING THE QUESTION OF THE AT LARGE  
ELECTION OF ALDERPERSONS ON THE BALLOT**

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND  
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE  
CITY OF VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS  
THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023

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PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM BY AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
VILLA GROVE, DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, is a municipality as contemplated under Article VII, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the passage of this Ordinance constitutes an exercise of City's powers and functions as granted in the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has held public meetings where it has discussed the public's interest in considering electing City Alderpersons at large instead of in existing wards; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/5-2-18.1 the Mayor and City Council of Villa Grove have the authority to submit to the electors a proposition to determine whether or not alderpersons should be elected at large instead of in wards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have determined it appropriate to submit said question to the electors as provided herein.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Villa Grove, Douglas County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1: INCORPORATION CLAUSE.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of Villa Grove, Illinois hereby find that all of the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and to hereby, by reference, incorporate and make them part of this ordinance.

**SECTION 2:** The Mayor and City Council hereby approves and directs that the following proposition be submitted for consideration be the electors of the City of Villa Grove, Illinois at the

next election to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, and that the Douglas County Clerk submit said proposition to said electors in accordance with general election law:

Shall the City of Villa Grove change its election of alderpersons from being divided into wards to instead being elected at large effective commencing the earliest consolidated election being held in 2025?

SECTION 3: That the ballot to be used at the Election shall be in substantially the following form with such alterations, changes, insertions and deletions as required by applicable law, including Article 42A of the Election Code if an electronic, mechanical or electric voting system ("Electric Voting System") is used at the Election:

(face of Ballot)

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**PROPOSITION TO ELECT ALDERPERSONS AT LARGE COMMENCING EARLIEST CONSOLIDATED ELECTION 2025 FOR VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS**

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Punch opposite the word "YES" or "NO" to indicate your choice.)

SHALL THE CITY OF VILLA GROVE CHANGE ITS ELECTION OF ALDERPERSONS FROM BEING DIVIDED INTO WARDS TO INSTEAD BEING ELECTED AT LARGE EFFECTIVE COMMENCING THE EARLIEST CONSOLIDATED ELECTION BEING HELD IN 2025?	YES _____ _____ NO
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(Back of Paper Ballot)

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Official ballot for voting on the proposition to elect alderpersons at large commencing earliest consolidated election 2025 for Villa Grove, Illinois at the election held on March 19, 2024.

Precinct Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Polling Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

(Facsimile Signature)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Douglas County Clerk

SECTION 4: The City Clerk is hereby directed to certify the above proposition to the Douglas County Clerk and such other proper election authorities who shall submit the proposition at an election in accordance with election law.

SECTION 5: ELECTRONIC VOTING. That, if an Electronic Voting System is used in the County, the County Clerk shall publish, not less than five (5) days prior to the Election, a true and legible copy of the specimen ballot label containing the question to be voted upon at the Election in two or more newspapers published in and having general circulation in each such County.

SECTION 6: JUDGES. That the Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed by the County Clerk and such other proper election authorities who shall submit the proposition at an election in accordance with election law.

SECTION 7: That the election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and time as provided by election law.

SECTION 8: The Mayor, City Administrator, City Clerk and City Attorney are directed and authorized to take such steps and actions and execute such documents as are necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9: INVALIDITY. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

SECTION 10: EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

SECTION 11: REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of the conflict, expressly repealed expressly repealed on the effective date of this Ordinance.

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**PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS, at its special meeting on this fourteenth day of December, A.D., 2023, by a roll call vote as follows:

Blaney, Thelma I. absent

Nieto, Gilbert III yea

Cheely, Kerry S. yea

Johnson, Derek S. yea

Eversole-Gunter, Cassandra A. \_\_\_\_\_

Pangburn, Matthew M. absent

Hooker, Anthony L. yea

APPROVED:

Cassandra Eversole-Gunter  
Cassandra Eversole-Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle S. Osborne  
Michelle Osborne, City Clerk

SEAL

