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Village to Begin Strictly Applying Ordinances to COD

Glen Ellyn, IL - The Village of Glen Ellyn intends to begin strictly applying its ordinances to COD next month. In an appearance before the COD Board of Trustees on Wednesday, Glen Ellyn Village Trustees Carl Henninger and Peter Cooper informed the College Board that the Village would follow the DuPage Circuit Court's ruling in reasonably enforcing its municipal codes and ordinances at the College's Glen Ellyn campus, effective December 1st. The Village representatives also invited the College Board to participate in a joint meeting between the boards next Monday to answer any questions and address any concerns.

Last Tuesday, Judge Terrence M. Sheen ruled that COD is subject to Glen Ellyn's home rule ordinances in accordance with a three-part standard. Village officials have confirmed that the ordinances they intend to apply to the College all meet the Court's three-part test.

While Henninger and Cooper confirmed that the Village would begin enforcing its codes and ordinances, including issuing citations and "stop work" orders to the College and its contractors, they offered an option to the College for re-adopting the previous Intergovernmental Agreement between the entities. "Glen Ellyn and COD have a long history of respect and cooperation, and we would like to get back to that relationship," Henninger said.

The Village previously stated, via the Policy Statement approved by the current Village Board unanimously on June 13, 2011, that it would be willing to return to the terms of the 2007 IGA between the College and the Village, which had granted COD most of the accommodations and leeway it now seeks. The College unilaterally abandoned the IGA in 2008. "Candidly, we still don't know why COD walked away from that agreement," Henninger said. "But since the current College Board has not yet considered that agreement, there is hope."

The Village has scheduled a special joint meeting of the Village Board of Trustees and College of Board of Trustees for next Monday, November 21, at 7:00 pm, in the Galligan Board Room of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center. The meeting, which will involve members of both Boards, is intended to allow elected officials to have a face-to-face meeting. "It's time to do the people's work," Cooper said. "That is what we – both Boards – were elected to do," added Henninger. The meeting will be open to the public.

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