RESOLUTION R 85 07

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECENT ACTIONS BY THE DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECENT ACTIONS BY PASSING A BUDGET THAT INCLUDES A WATER RATE REDUCTION

WHEREAS, the DuPage Water Commission (the "Commission") is a water commission formed and existing pursuant to the Water Commission Act of 1985, 70 ILCS 3720/0.01 *et seq.*, and Division 135 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/11-135-1 *et seq.*, for the purpose of securing an adequate source and supply of water for its customers; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered under the law to finance, construct, acquire and operate a water supply system to serve municipalities in its territory; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's territory consists of over 300 square miles and encompasses a population of approximately 857,497 including twenty-five charter member municipalities, which includes the Village of Lombard; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2007 the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard adopted Resolution No. R-85 __-07, supporting the DuPage Water Commission's intention to approve a Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and Annual Management Budget, which also proposed a wholesale water rate reduction; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage Water Commission's annual budget document includes a long-range financial plan (the "Plan") forecast to FY 2020-2021 indicating a high unrestricted cash balance; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is in the process of approving a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and Annual Management Budget, which proposes a wholesale water rate reduction; and

WHEREAS, it is fiscally prudent to reduce the unrestricted cash balance through a wholesale rate reduction, which will directly impact the fiscal health of the Commission's customers; and

WHEREAS, at the Water Commission meeting on December 14, 2006, the Commission approved several motions to direct the Commission's fiscal policies in a fiscally prudent manner; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard supports the actions of the Water Commission on December 14, 2006, and urges the Commission to implement the actions through approval of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget, its 5-Year Capital Improvement Budget and long-range financial plan, including the implementation of a significant reduction in the current wholesale water rate;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that:

SECTION ONE: The recitals set forth above shall be and are hereby incorporated as if said recitals were fully set forth within this Section One.

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Lombard express support for a significant reduction in the Water Commission wholesale water rate.

SECTION THREE: The Corporate Authorities of the Village of Lombard express support for a significant reduction in the unrestricted cash balance for all Water Commission funds to a level that is fiscally prudent and reflective of the Commission's limited purpose of operating a water supply system for its customers; and

SECTION FOUR: The Village/City Clerk is directed to immediately forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Louis Rathje, Chairman of the Commission as well as all the Commission members.

SECTION FIVE: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its

Approved as to Form

Thomas P. Bayer, Village Attorney