

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-35

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING COMMONWEALTH EDISON TO ALLOW RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERMANENTLY OPT OUT OF THE SMART METER PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, in October 2011, the Illinois General Assembly enacted the Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act (“the Act”) to strengthen and modernize the electric utility system and provide better reliability for customers; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes Commonwealth Edison to invest in new digital smart grid and advanced meter technology (“Smart Meters”) that will transform the delivery of electricity to homes and businesses throughout northern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Commonwealth Edison will begin the installation of Smart Meters throughout the City of Lake Forest beginning in June 2016; and

WHEREAS, Smart Meters use radio frequency RF technology to communicate between the home and Commonwealth Edison facilities; and

WHEREAS, several residents have expressed concerns to the governing and administrative bodies of the City of Lake Forest regarding such meters and their technology; and

WHEREAS, there has been concern expressed by some residential electric customers that Smart Meters are overly intrusive into their energy usage and allege that the emissions from Smart Meters are actually dangerous to their health; and

WHEREAS, today Lake Forest residents have the ability of a temporary refusal or deferral program, but currently do not have a choice to permanently opt out of the Smart Meter installation program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lake Forest, County of Lake, State of Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Resolution as findings of the Mayor and City Council.

**SECTION 2:** The Mayor and City Council of the City of Lake Forest, County of Lake, State of Illinois, do hereby request that Commonwealth Edison take action to work with the Illinois Commerce Commission and General Assembly to take all regulatory procedures needed to investigate all the aforementioned concerns for the health and welfare of our residents and to allow for property owners to permanently opt out of its Smart Meter installation program.

**SECTION 3:** That the City Manager is hereby directed to transmit this request in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of Commonwealth Edison, the Chairperson of the ICC, the Governor, House and Senate Leaders of the General Assembly and House and Senate Members representing the City of Lake Forest.

**SECTION 4:** This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2016

AYES (7) Alderman Waldeck, Budler, Pandaleon, Jack  
Reisenberg, Adelman, & Moreno.

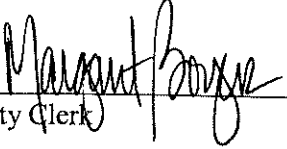
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ABSENT (1) Alderman Newman

APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2016

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy City Clerk