STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

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ORDINANCE NO. 98-09-20

VILLAGE OF CHICAGO RIDGE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 50 OF THE REVISED MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CHICAGO RIDGE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BY ADDING THERETO DIVISION 5 IDENTIFIED AS "LASER POINTERS."

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chicago Ridge, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Article V of Chapter 50 of the Revised Municipal Code of the Village of Chicago Ridge shall be amended by adding thereto Division 5 identified as "Laser Pointers" as follows:

DIVISION 5. LASER POINTERS

Sec. 50-225. Prohibited acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person less than 18 years of age to have in his possession at any private or public place, except as provided herein, a laser pointer of the following type:

(1) A Helium Neon (HeNe) laser which typically operates at a wavelength of 632.6 nm with the mandated power limit of 5mW of power. Said lasers are considered Class 2 lasers with the potential for eye injury; and
(2) A diode laser which typically operates at a wavelength of 670 nm (although others are possible) with a power source providing 5 mW. Said lasers are considered Class 3a lasers, with the potential for eye injury.

Sec. 50-226. Transfer or sale to minor.

No person, firm, or corporation shall sell to or provide a minor with a Class 2 or Class 3a laser pointer as described in this Division unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at the time of purchase or transfer. No minor shall, at the time of purchase of such laser pointer, furnish fraudulent evidence of majority. No minor shall, except while accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, possess a Class 2 or Class 3a laser pointer as described in this Division on any public property or any private property and with the express permission of the lawful owner or manager of the private property. Also provided, however, that the possession by a person under the age of 18 years, under the direct supervision of the parent or guardian of such person in the privacy of the parent's or guardian's home, shall not be prohibited.

Sec. 50-227. Penalties.

Any person found guilty of an offense of this Division shall be subject to those penalties enumerated in Section 50-188.

Sec. 50-228. Liability of parent or legal guardian.

The parent or legal guardian of an unemancipated minor defendant who resides with such parent or legal guardian shall be subject to those liabilities as enumerated in Section 50-189.

SECTION 2. That if any section, paragraph, clause, phrase or part of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance, and the application of these provisions to any persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the
provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

SEC 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

SEC 5. That this ordinance is authorized to be published in pamphlet form.

PASSED and APPROVED this 1st day of September, 1998.

VILLAGE OF CHICAGO RIDGE

By: Eugene L. Siegel
President

ATTEST:

Charles E. Tokar
Village Clerk

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