

In 2011, Public Act 97-0609 became law, effective January 1, 2012. That Act amends the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the Illinois Pension Code and establishes new requirements for Illinois public bodies.

Among the law's requirements are the following:

(5 ILCS 120/7.3)

Sec. 7.3. Duty to post information pertaining to benefits offered through the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

(a) Within 6 business days after an employer participating in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund approves a budget, that employer must post on its website the total compensation package for each employee having a total compensation package that exceeds \$75,000 per year. If the employer does not maintain a website, the employer must post a physical copy of this information at the principal office of the employer. If an employer maintains a website, it may choose to post a physical copy of this information at the principal office of the employer in lieu of posting the information directly on the website; however, the employer must post directions on the website on how to access that information.

(b) At least 6 days before an employer participating in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund approves an employee's total compensation package that is equal to or in excess of \$150,000 per year, the employer must post on its website the total compensation package for that employee. If the employer does not maintain a website, the employer shall post a physical copy of this information at the principal office of the employer. If an employer maintains a website, it may choose to post a physical copy of this information at the principal office of the employer in lieu of posting the information directly on the website; however, the employer must post directions on the website on how to access that information.

(c) For the purposes of this Section, "total compensation package" means payment by the employer to the employee for salary, health insurance, a housing allowance, a vehicle allowance, a clothing allowance, bonuses, loans, vacation days granted, and sick days granted.

The Village of Forest Park has elected to provide employee compensation information for all of its employees regardless of salary level. For a complete copy of the most recent salary and benefits detail, please contact the Village Clerk's office by email at vmoritz@forestpark.net or at (708) 615-6202. This detail is available at Village Hall during regular business hours.