

**RESOLUTION NO.** 23-259

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PEORIA  
ADOPTING CIVILITY PLEDGE**

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria (City) recognizes that the public exchange of diverse ideas, viewpoints and robust debate are essential to democratic self-governance; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council, as elected officials of the City, recognize the importance of engaging in free and spirited debate, while maintaining the highest standards of civility, honesty and mutual respect; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal League (IML) has adopted a Civility Pledge which encourages the core tenets of civility; and,

WHEREAS, the Civility Pledge states, "In the interest of civility, I pledge to promote civility by listening, being respectful of others, acknowledging that we are all striving to support and improve our community and understanding that we each may have different ideas for achieving that objective;" and,

WHEREAS, in order to publicly declare a commitment to civil discourse and to express concern for the common good and wellbeing of all residents of the City the Mayor and City Council have determined it to be in the best interests of the City to adopt this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Peoria as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Civility Pledge as set forth in this Resolution is hereby adopted.

Section 3. The elected and appointed officials of the City are asked to sign the Civility Pledge and adhere to it during all public meetings and in all official actions.

PASSED THIS 11th day of JULY, 2023.

AYES:	<u>9</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTENTIONS:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>2</u>

APPROVED THIS 11th day of JULY, 2023.

Rita Ali  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
Stephanie Jarr  
Clerk



Reviewed and approved:  
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Corporation Counsel