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COURT GRANTS VILLAGE OF HINSDALE'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

Hinsdale, IL – DuPage County Circuit Court Judge Fullerton issued a favorable ruling for the Village of Hinsdale when he granted the Village of Hinsdale's Motion to Intervene to become party to the lawsuit the Illinois Attorney General filed against Sterigenics in October 2018. Judge Fullerton's ruling allows the surrounding communities (Hinsdale, Burr Ridge, Darien and Willowbrook) to intervene in the lawsuit, participate in the consent order and advise if the consent order complies with the Matt Haller Act.

This is a significant achievement as it places a stay on the reported Consent Order that the Illinois Attorney General, in consultation with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, negotiated with Sterigenics that could have allowed the facility to re-open subject to operational requirements outlined in the Consent Order that are not consistent with those requirements outlined in legislation recently passed by the Illinois legislature, known as the Matt Haller Act. The Matt Haller Act prohibits the renewal of any permits for facilities that violate federal or state standards for ethylene oxide emissions. The legislation also prohibits new ethylene oxide medical sterilization facilities from opening within 10 miles of a school or park in counties with more than 50,000 residents, and 15 miles in counties with less than 50,000 residents. Furthermore, it prohibits the use of ethylene oxide by any facility that has had egregious violations requiring a seal order.

Trustee Luke Stifflear stated, "Since this issue was brought to the Village's attention in August 2018, the Village of Hinsdale has been working diligently with federal, state and local officials to advocate on behalf of Hinsdale residents. This advocacy includes working with Hinsdale's Illinois State Representative, Deanne Mazzochi, one of the key sponsors of the Matt Haller Act, to protect Hinsdale residents from the operations of Sterigenics. The Village recognizes the efforts of Representative Mazzochi, State Senator Curran and Representative Jim Durkin for advancing legislation aimed at protecting the safety of our residents and their commitment to prevent Sterigenics from re-opening. They continue to fight on behalf of the impacted residents by filing an Amicus Brief in response to a negotiated Consent Order that disregarded certain requirements of the law and silenced the voices of the impacted communities."

The next hearing is scheduled for September 6.

The latest information and details regarding Sterigenics may be found on the Village's website at <https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/residents/sterigenics.php>.

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