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**VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE  
BOARD REPORT**

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**TO:** VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
**FROM:** WALTER MAGDZIARZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** DISCUSSION: LOCAL ADJUDICATION FOR ZONING AND OTHER ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS  
**AGENDA:** AUGUST 15, 2017 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
**DATE:** AUGUST 10, 2017

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**ISSUE**

Shall the Village Board discuss a proposal to add zoning, property maintenance and other code violations to the local adjudication process.

**DISCUSSION**

Presently, the Village provides local adjudication for traffic offenses, as permitted by State law. The statutes also allow municipalities to provide local adjudication for zoning, property maintenance, building code and other code violations. Local adjudication permits a hearing officer to decide cases, rather than a judge in a courtroom.

While the objective with zoning, property maintenance and building code enforcement has always been compliance, occasionally the Village has no alternative but to bring a violation to court for adjudication. The proposal to add zoning and other Village Code violations to the local adjudication process may shorten the time in which a decision is rendered as cases that go before a judge are typically continued for 30 days or more at the initial hearing date. It also would make the process more convenient for residents and Village staff as the hearing officer would hear case at Village Hall, not a courtroom in Aurora or Geneva. Defendants are entitled to appeal decisions of the hearing officer to the circuit court.

Since the infrastructure for local adjudication already is in place, Village staff recommends adding zoning, property maintenance and building code violations to the local adjudication process.

**COSTS**

There are no costs associated with this proposal.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Village Board provide input and direction to Village staff to prepare an Ordinance establishing local adjudication for zoning, property maintenance and other Village Code violations.