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**ORDINANCE NO. 15-20**

**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY  
IN ORCHARD HILLS SECTION 9**

**WHEREAS**, there has been filed with the Village Board of the Village of Morton, Illinois, a Petition for Annexation of the herein described tract of real estate, wherein it is recited that the Petitioner is the owner of all of the land within such territory and that no electors reside therein; and

**WHEREAS**, said tract is contiguous with the boundary of the Village of Morton, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, said tract is not within any other municipality and no petition is pending pertaining to any annexation of said land, other than herein set forth; and

**WHEREAS**, a Notice of filing of said petition was duly served upon the Morton Fire Protection District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Morton does not provide public library services and, therefore, no Notice is needed to be given to the Morton Public Library; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton to determine and consider the request for such annexation; and

**WHEREAS**, a Notice of Public Hearing before the Plan Commission on a proposed annexation agreement between the Village of Morton and BLH, LLC-Series Tennessee, an Illinois Series Limited Liability Company, was duly published in the Peoria Journal Star on March 12, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 28th day of March, 2016, the Morton Plan Commission conducted a public hearing for the purpose of considering the annexation and zoning of the property described herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morton Plan Commission after due consideration has recommended to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton, Illinois, that the property described herein be annexed and zoned as herein set forth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Morton and the owner of record of all the land within the territory herein described to be annexed and zoned will enter into contemporaneously with the passage of this ordinance a certain Pre-Annexation Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the Village of Morton, Illinois, that the herein described tract of real estate be annexed to and made a part of the Village of Morton, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the Village of Morton, Illinois that the herein described tract of real estate be zoned as herein set forth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT, AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON**, Tazewell County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION I: That the property described in the Annexation Plat, which is attached as Exhibit A, is hereby annexed to and made a part of the Village of Morton; and the same is hereby included within the corporate limits of the Village of Morton.

SECTION II: That the plat hereunto attached and marked "Exhibit A," being a true, correct, and exact plat of the territory heretofore described in this ordinance, showing the relation of the existing boundary of the Village of Morton with the land being annexed, be made an express part of this ordinance.

SECTION III: That the Notice and Affidavit of Mailing of Notice to the Morton Fire Protection District marked "Exhibit B" be made an express part of this ordinance.

SECTION IV: The Pre-Annexation Agreement, in the form and substance as attached as "Exhibit C", is hereby approved and the President of the Board of Trustees and the Village Clerk are authorized to execute same.

SECTION V: That, upon the taking effect of this ordinance, together with the attached Exhibits A and B, the Village Clerk shall file a certified copy of this ordinance in the office of the Tazewell County Recorder of Deeds.

SECTION VI: That the property is zoned as follows: R-1, Single Family And Planned Residential District.

SECTION VII: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as may be required by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, this 18th day of April, 2016; and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**AYES:** Belsley, Daab, Hermann, Kaufman

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Blunier, Heer

**ABSTAINING:** None

**APPROVED** this 18th day of April, 2016.

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**President**

**ATTEST:**

*Joseph A. Mohl*  
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**Village Clerk**

