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To: Fire Protection District and Local Government Clients

Re: COVID-19 Matters Update

Illinois Open Meetings Act

We issued prior memos summarizing Illinois Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders relating to the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and Senate Bill 2135 which added Section 7(e) to the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7(e)) allowing remote participation in meetings during a public health emergency. On October 16, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued a new Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation (Proclamation) extending the public health emergency until November 14, 2020 and issued Executive Order 2020-59 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 55).

Executive Order 2020-59 and the disaster proclamation extends the availability of remote meetings pursuant to Section 7(e) to November 14, 2020. It is anticipated that the availability of Section 7(e) remote meetings will be extended beyond this date. We will do our best to keep our clients updated on this.