Patrick M. Gorski

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior public sector administrator and operations leader with progressive experience [redacted] municipal government, facilities [redacted] management, community development, and regulatory compliance. Proven record overseeing multi-site operations, managing departments and staff, coordinating vendors and contractors, administering confidential records, and advising elected officials and executive leadership. Former Building Commissioner [redacted] with an MPA (4.0 GPA), recognized for sound judgment, policy fluency, and the ability to translate complex regulatory and operational issues into actionable decisions that protect public safety, fiscal integrity, and service continuity.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Municipal [redacted] Administration | City/Village Management Support | Facilities [redacted] Community Development & Building Operations | Vendor, [redacted] & Contractor Coordination | Budget & Operational Oversight | Regulatory & Policy Compliance | Zoning & Code Administration | Space Planning & Utilization | Confidential Records & Lease Administration | Intergovernmental Affairs | Public Safety & Risk Management | Staff Leadership & Training

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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January 2026 – Present

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Government Operations, Quality Assurance & Compliance Consultant
Independent / Contracted Public Sector Engagements – Illinois
November 2024 – December 2025

- Provided operational consulting and compliance oversight to multiple public sector entities, focusing on organizational efficiency, regulatory adherence, and policy implementation.
- Conducted detailed quality assurance analyses for a major municipal facility, managing data integrity, reviewing policy compliance, and driving process improvements within a sensitive, high-security environment.
- Coordinated with diverse stakeholders including vendors, contractors, government agencies, and internal leadership to ensure timely resolution of work orders, facility maintenance, and operational projects.

- Developed and maintained confidential documentation and administrative records aligned with local, state, and federal regulatory standards.
- Delivered actionable recommendations on space planning, facility relocations, and consolidation initiatives to support functional work environments and strategic organizational goals.
- Supported leadership by advising on best practices in public safety coordination, quality assurance methodologies, and compliance with labor and legal procedures.
- Applied data analysis and reporting tools to track operational performance, identify discrepancies, and recommend corrective actions to enhance service delivery and accountability.
- Maintained the highest standards of confidentiality and professionalism when handling sensitive information related to employee investigations, grievance processes, and regulatory compliance audits.

Village of Libertyville
Building Division Manager (Building Commissioner) | Libertyville, IL
October 2024 – November 2024

- Served as the Village's Building Official overseeing plan review, inspections, code enforcement, and occupancy approvals.
- Managed day-to-day division operations, staff oversight, and coordination with contractors and consultants.
- Provided technical and policy guidance to leadership on building safety, zoning interpretation, and development standards.
- Represented the Village in development meetings and public hearings.

Village of Norridge
Building Commissioner / Department Head | Norridge, IL
June 2023 – October 2024

- Chief authority and department head for the Building Department, overseeing a seven-member team including inspectors, code enforcement officers, and administrative staff.
- Directed building, zoning, property maintenance, and health-related compliance activities for residential and commercial development.
- Managed departmental budgets, expenditures, and operational planning; advised senior leadership and elected officials on regulatory and development matters.
- Coordinated with architects, engineers, contractors, developers, and legal counsel to resolve complex zoning, construction, and compliance issues.
- Oversaw physical plant and life-safety compliance for occupied structures; coordinated corrective actions with vendors and contractors.
- Represented the Village at Village Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Plan Commission meetings.
- Modernized permitting and inspection workflows to improve efficiency, transparency, and customer service.

Village of Beach Park
Management Support Analyst | Beach Park, IL
August 2022 – June 2023

- Provided direct support to the Village Administrator across multiple functional areas including community development, facilities, licensing, budgeting, and administrative operations.
- Assisted with tracking work orders, coordinating vendors and contractors, and supporting completion of municipal maintenance and improvement projects.
- Prepared board packets, reports, and correspondence for elected officials and committees.
- Utilized BS&A and LOCiS systems for permitting, billing, records management, and reporting.
- Supported municipal budgeting, accounts payable/receivable, and interdepartmental coordination.

Chicago Fire Department – Office of Fire Investigation
Photographic Specialist | Chicago, IL
December 2021 – July 2022

- Documented emergency incidents, investigations, and facilities conditions for operational, training, and compliance purposes.
- Managed confidential investigative files, digital evidence systems, and archival records.
- Assisted with FOIA responses and interagency documentation requests.
- Testified as an expert witness in administrative and judicial proceedings when required.
- Coordinated with multiple agencies and departments to ensure accurate and timely information sharing during investigations.

Patrick Gorski Photography LLC
Owner / Operations & Media Manager | Chicago, IL
2014 – Present

- Founded and operate a professional media and services business with national and international clients including the Associated Press, Getty Images, and USA Today.
- Manage contracts, vendor relationships, scheduling, budgeting, invoicing, and compliance documentation.
- Lead and coordinate teams of photographers, editors, and contractors across multiple concurrent projects.
- Published work featured in TIME, National Geographic, Smithsonian, The New York Times, Rolling Stone, and other major outlets.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration (MPA)
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville | Edwardsville, IL | GPA: 4.00/4.00
Pi Alpha Alpha | Phi Kappa Phi

Bachelor of Arts, Communication (Minor: Journalism)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Champaign, Urbana, IL | GPA: 3.88/4.00
Illinois Promise Scholar | Dean's List

Associate of Arts, General Studies
Triton College | River Grove, IL | GPA: 3.45/4.00
President's List

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING (SELECTED)

- International Code Council (ICC): Code Specialist; Permit Technician; Permit Specialist; Property Maintenance & Housing Inspector; Zoning Inspector; Fire Inspector I; ICC/AACE Code Enforcement Officer
- Illinois Attorney General: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) & Open Meetings Act (OMA) Certified
- FEMA / DHS / Emergency Management Institute: ICS, NIMS, Emergency Planning, Hazard Mitigation, Damage Assessment, Public Assistance, Public Works & Facilities Courses
- ServSafe – National Restaurant Association - Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM)
- American Red Cross: Adult First Aid / CPR / AED

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE & LEADERSHIP

- Public Works Operator (Part-Time), Village of Northfield – supported municipal infrastructure, water systems, and field operations.
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – Office of Undergraduate Research, Photo Intern.
- Illini 4000 (UIUC): Fundraising and logistics coordinator for national cancer awareness initiative.