
THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2026-004

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PROVISIONS”) OF ITS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO MEMBER
COMPENSATION**

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WHEREAS, the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois (the “*Village*”) is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the “*Home Rule Powers*”); and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) may from time to time amend the text of the Thornton Municipal Code when it is determined to be in the best interests of the residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Thornton Municipal Code establishes an Ethics Commission (the “*Commission*”) and provides for the appointment, terms, and duties of its members; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-10-7 of the Thornton Municipal Code currently provides that members of the Commission serve without compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities desire to amend the Thornton Municipal Code to provide for per-meeting compensation for members of the Commission, subject to annual limits and appropriation, in order to promote the efficient and effective operation of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the following amendment to the Village Code is in the best interest of the Village and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. Section 1-10-7 (“*Compensation*”) of Chapter 1-10 (“*Ethics Commission*”) of Title 1 (“*General Provisions*”) of the Thornton Code is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read, as follows:

Section 1-10-7: Compensation.

~~Commission members shall receive no compensation for their services, but each Commission member may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of Commission duties.~~

Commissioners shall receive compensation in the amount of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per meeting attended that is held in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, not to exceed One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00) in any fiscal year. The Chair of the Ethics Commission shall receive compensation in the amount of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per meeting attended that is held in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) in any fiscal year. Such compensation shall be paid only for meetings actually attended, shall be subject to appropriation, and shall be provided for in the Village’s annual Appropriation Ordinance. No compensation shall be paid for meetings canceled for lack of quorum. Compensation for members of the Ethics Commission shall be processed through the Village payroll system in accordance with applicable tax laws.

Section 3. Compensation authorized by this Ordinance shall apply prospectively only and shall not be paid for any meetings held prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

Section 5. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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ADOPTED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton,
Cook County, Illinois this 2nd day of February 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CUNNINGHAM				
GLASER				
KAYE				
MIDDLEBROOKS				
PISARZEWSKI				
PRATSCHER				
VILLAGE PRESIDENT REYNOLDS				
TOTAL				

APPROVED by the Village President of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois
on this 2nd day of February 2026.

MAXINE REYNOLDS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

NIKKI KITAKIS
VILLAGE CLERK