

**ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3-3 OF THE CODE  
OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,  
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Village of Thornton is a duly organized and validity existing Home Rule municipal corporation within the purview of Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Illinois Constitution (1970) and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 3, Chapter 3-3 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Thornton enables and regulates the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Thornton desires to amend said Chapter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Title 3, Chapter 3-3-1 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Thornton titled

“Membership, Terms, Organization” shall be amended to read as follows:

**§ 3-3-1. Membership, Term, Organization**

**A.** Board Established; Examination of Applicants, Disqualification, Removal. There is hereby established the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to act under and in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-1 et seq., Illinois Compiled Statutes, which article is hereby adopted; except for 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6(h), which section is specifically deleted and the following shall apply in the Village in place of 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6(h):

The examinations shall be a written, practical or CPAT in character and relate to those matters that will fairly test the capacity of the persons examined to discharge the duties of the positions to which they seek appointment. No person shall be appointed to the Police or Fire Department if he or she does not possess a high school diploma or an equivalent high school education. A

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners may, by its rules, require police applicants to have obtained an associate's degree or a bachelor's degree as a prerequisite for employment. The examinations shall include tests of physical qualifications and health.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners may consider and recommend for appointment to the Police Department an individual who is certified in the State of Illinois as a police officer, or who is certified by another state and whose training and experience would qualify him/her to become certified in the State of Illinois upon written request to the Illinois Local Law Enforcement Training Board, and who in the opinion of the Board of Police and Fire Commission possesses sufficient training and experience. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners may, by its rules, waive portions of the required examination for Police/Fire applicants who meet the above criteria. Said officer shall be subject to all other requirements pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the Village of Thornton in effect at their application and thereafter, as amended. No applicant shall be examined concerning his or her political or religious opinions or affiliations. For Fire/Police testing the Fire Chief/Police Chief shall retain a qualified testing agency. The testing agency will provide all test scores and applications to the Fire/Police Chiefs who will forward the same to the Police and Fire Commission to complete interviews and post an eligible list. The examinations shall be conducted by the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners of the municipality, as provided in this Chapter.

**SECTION 2:** Title 3, Chapter 3-3-4-A of the Municipal Code of the Village of Thornton titled "Power and Duties" shall be amended to read as follows:

**§ 3-3-4 Powers and Duties**

**A. Appoint Police/Fire.** The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the Village shall appoint all officers and members of the Police/Fire Department except the appointment of the Chief and Deputy Chief of Police/Fire, whose appointment shall be made by the President with the

consent of the Board of Trustees.

**SECTION 3: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

**PASSED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED** by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Joseph Pisarzewski,  
Acting President  
Village of Thornton  
Cook County, Illinois

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**ATTEST:**

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Village Clerk  
Village of Thornton  
Cook County, Illinois