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**THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON**  
**COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**ORDINANCE**  
NUMBER 2026-016

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,  
ADOPTING AN AMENDED PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF  
THORNTON**

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**NIKKI KITAKIS, Village Clerk**

**ROSEMARY CUNNINGHAM**  
**GINA GLASER**  
**ERNEST “BO” KAYE**  
**PHILLIP MIDDLEBROOKS**  
**DEBRA PISARZEWSKI**  
**MARTIN PRATSCHER**  
**Trustees**

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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 Board has previously adopted a Public Comment Policy to govern public participation at open meetings of the Village Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to adopt an amended Public Comment Policy to clarify and update certain provisions, including expressly permitting the recording of open meetings in a manner consistent with applicable law, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A (the “*Amended Public Comment Policy*”), with the revisions reflected by underlined language; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) deem it advisable and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village to adopt the Amended Public Comment Policy pursuant to its Home Rule Powers.

**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.** The Amended Public Comment Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted by the Corporate Authorities of the Village.

**Section 3.** The Village President, Village Administrator, and Village Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to deliver the Amended Public Comment Policy and any and all documents necessary to implement the provisions, terms and conditions thereof, as therein described.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
CUNNINGHAM				
GLASER				
KAYE				
MIDDLEBROOKS				
PISARZEWSKI				
PRATSCHER				
VILLAGE PRESIDENT REYNOLDS				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

**APPROVED** by the Village President of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois  
on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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MAXINE REYNOLDS  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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NIKKI KITAKIS  
VILLAGE CLERK

**Exhibit A**

*Amended Public Comment Policy*

(see attached)