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

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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 Code when it is determined to be in the best interests of the residents of the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Thornton Municipal Code establishes a Planning and Development Commission (the “*Commission*”) and provides for the appointment, terms, and duties of its members; 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, and to allow meetings of the Commission to be held on an as-needed basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the following changes to its Village Code are in the best interest of the Village and promote the efficient and effective operation of the Commission.

**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 3-2-2 (“*Membership; Terms*”) of Chapter 3-2 (“*Plan Commission*”) of Title 3 (“*Boards and Commissions*”) of the Thornton Code is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read, as follows:

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**Section 3-2-2: Membership; terms.**

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1. Term of Office. Upon original appointment of seven members, two shall serve for a period of one year, two for a period of two years, three for a period of three years. Thereafter, such members shall serve for a period of two years. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for unexpired terms only. All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, except as expressly provided herein. ~~that, if the Board of Trustees deems it advisable, they may receive such compensation as may be fixed from time to time by said Board of Trustees and provided for in the Appropriation Ordinance.~~

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 Planning and Development 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 Planning and Development Commission members shall be processed through the Village payroll system in accordance with applicable tax laws.

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**Section 3.** Section 3-2-5 (“*Meetings; hearings*”) of Chapter 3-2 (“*Plan Commission*”) of Title 3 (“*Boards and Commissions*”) of the Thornton Code is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read, as follows:

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1. ~~The regular meeting of the Plan and Development Commission of the Village of Thornton shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Thornton Village Hall, and shall convene at 6:30 p.m. and will be held on the following Thursday in the~~

~~event the meeting falls on a legal holiday.~~ Meetings of the Planning and Development Commission of the Village of Thornton shall be held on an as-needed basis at such times and dates as determined by the Chair of the Commission or upon the request of a majority of the Commission. All meetings shall be held at the Thornton Village Hall and shall be noticed and conducted in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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**Section 4.** 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 5.** 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 6.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 7.** 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:

	<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 2nd day of February 2026.

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MAXINE REYNOLDS  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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NIKKI KITAKIS  
VILLAGE CLERK