
VILLAGE OF THORNTON
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2025-015

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7 CHAPTER 1 ARTICLE A SUBSECTION 4C
OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS**

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AMENDING TITLE 7 CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE A, SECTION 4C **BUILDING CODES**
ADOPTED

WHEREAS, the Village of THORNTON, Cook County, Illinois (the "*Village*") is a validly organized and existing 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 Village desires to make certain changes to THORNTON Code 7-1A-4C titled "Fire Code Adopted" by adding a new 7-1A-4C-4; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the following changes are in the best interest of the Village in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of 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 Title 7 Chapter 1 Article A Section 4C of the THORNTON Code is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Fire Code adopted. There is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as the Fire Code of the Village of Thornton the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, as published by the International Code Council, three copies of which booklet are on file in the office of the Village Clerk for public use, inspection and examination, and of which three copies have been on file for public use, inspection and examination for more than 30 days prior to the passage hereof, which foregoing rules and regulations are hereby adopted by reference and made a part hereof as is fully set forth in this chapter, except for the following modifications and changes to the International Fire Code

1. Amend F105.1.2, "Types of Permits," by deletion and replacement with the following:

1. "All operational permits shall mean the business permit issued by the Village Board through the office of the Village Clerk. Application shall be made to the Village Clerk, and all documentation required under F.105.6 shall be made part of the application. All such applications and detailed documentation shall be forwarded to the Fire Chief, who shall be responsible for review and inspection for compliance and cause, such to take place in a timely manner."
2. "All applications for permits for construction required under this code shall be made to and issued by the Building Commissioner."

2. Amend F108.0, "Board of Appeals," by deletion and substitution of the following:

"The Village Board, acting as the Committee of the Whole, shall serve as the Board of Appeals and shall take into consideration any appeal of these regulations or their interpretation, an application which has first been filed, in writing, with the Village Clerk, setting forth the grounds of appeal and the relief sought. All parties to the appeal shall be notified as to the time and place of the appeal hearing. The Board of Appeals shall declare a decision on the appeal within 30 days of the date of hearing. Decisions of the Board of Appeals shall be consistent with the codes and regulations of the Village. The Board of Appeals may not waive technical or engineering requirements of the code or regulations.

3. Replace all references to the "International Electric Code" with "National Electrical Code (NFPA 70), 2014 Edition."

4. Section 907.2 Delete sections 907.2.1, 907.2.2, 907.2.3, 907.2.4, 907.2.5 907.2.6, 907.2.7, 907.2.8, 907.2.9, 907.2.10, 907.2.11 and insert the following:

A complete automatic fire alarm system with smoke detection and manual pull stations and horns and strobes shall be provided in occupancy use group classifications A, B, E, F, H, I, M and R, as defined in Section 202 of the International Fire Code, that are over 1000 square feet, by 10/01/2026. A change of ownership of any such property or a change to such use group classification of any property will require immediate compliance with this requirement.

Exception 1: A complete automatic fire alarm system with smoke detection and manual pull stations and horns and strobes is not required for apartment houses or condominiums in Residential Group R-2, as defined in Section 202 of the International Fire Code, unless such

building or structure has 2 or more stories or has 2 or more dwelling units or sleeping units.
Exception 2: Single family homes are exempt from having a full fire alarm system except for group homes

SECTION 2. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of any provision of this Ordinance, is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such occurrence shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance, or their application, that can be given effect without the unconstitutional or invalid provision or its application. Each unconstitutional or invalid provision, or application of such provision, is severable, unless otherwise provided by this Ordinance.

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.

ADOPTED, by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton,
Cook County, Illinois this 15th day of September 2025, 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
this 15th day of September, 2025.

MAXINE REYNOLDS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTESTED AND FILED IN MY OFFICE AS VILLAGE CLERK THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
2025.

NIKKI KITAKIS
VILLAGE CLERK

PASSED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton, Cook County,
Illinois, this 15th day of September 2025.