
VILLAGE OF THORNTON
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 1 RELATED TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL
AND EXTRICATION SERVICES

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AMENDING TITLE 4 CHAPTER 5 SECTION 1

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND EXTRICATION SERVICES

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 4-5-1 concerning Emergency Medical and Extrication Services; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the following changes to the THORNTON Code Emergency Medical and Extrication Services 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 4 Chapter 5 Section 1 of the THORNTON Code is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Sec. 4-5-1. – Emergency Medical and Extrication Services.

- A. The categories of ambulance services are determined by the patient's condition and not by the type of vehicle used in transport. Furthermore, regardless of fees charged there is never a cost to Village of Thornton residents beyond what Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance companies pay. Fees will match or exceed the latest Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) Medicaid Provider Information Sheet issued to the Village of Thornton, covering the actual costs of treatment and transport, plus mileage fee of \$21.00 per mile. Costs vary from year to year based on the GEMT cost report. There will be three percent (3%) increases year to year above the GEMT cost report. Fifty percent (50%) of the fees collected shall go into the Village's Fire/EMS capital replacement fund for future replacement of Fire and life safety vehicles or equipment.
- B. The fees for the ambulance services for both residents and nonresidents shall be as follows:
 - 1. Basic life support services with or without transport: \$2039.09.
 - 2. Advanced life support Level 1 services with or without transport: \$2259.52.
 - 3. Advanced life support Level 2 services with or without transport: \$2259.52.

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 21st day of July 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 21st day of July 2025.

MAXINE REYNOLDS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTESTED AND FILED IN MY OFFICE AS VILLAGE CLERK THIS 21ST DAY OF JULY, 2025.

NIKKI KATAKIS
VILLAGE CLERK