

**ORDINANCE NO 2025-004  
AMENDING TITLE 10 OF  
THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE  
VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
BY AMENDING TITLE 10 POLICE REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Thornton is a Home Rule Municipality within the purview of Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Illinois Constitution (1970), and the said Village, therefore, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 10, chapter 7 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Thornton regulates noise; and

**WHEREAS**, that the President and Board of Trustees wish to amend said Regulations.

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

**SECTION 1:** That Title 10, Section 7, Chapter 5, subsection A.9 shall be amended to read as follows

9. Commercial Establishments – Unreasonably loud and raucous noise from the premises of any commercial establishment, including any outdoor area which is part of or under the control of the establishment as follows:
  - a.) In excess of 90 decibels at a distance of 50 feet or more from the establishment between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 9pm on any other day.
  - b.) In excess of 70 decibels at a distance of 50 feet or more from the establishment on Friday and Saturday between the hours of 11pm to 7:00 a.m. the following day and 9:00 p.m. to 7am on any other day.

- c.) The measurement of sound shall be made on a sound level meter that conforms to ANSI s1.4-1983 (American National Standards Institute) specifications, or any successor standard promulgated by ANSI and shall be measured over a period of not less than two (2) minutes. At least two (2) readings above the allowed decibel levels above constitute a violation of the applicable section above.
- d.) A Commercial Establishment may apply to the Village President on forms supplied by the Village for a special event permit to extend the hours specified in a and b above as follows
1. The special event permit may be granted no more than 10 times per calendar year per location for events to be held on New Year's Eve, Saint Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Halloween, Christmas Day, plus 3 other days.
  2. The Special Event Permit shall extend the time from 11 pm to 12am on Friday and Saturday to (12:30 am on New Year's Day) and from 9 pm to 11pm on any other day.
  3. The Special event permit shall only be granted to the license holder of the commercial establishment at the location of the commercial establishment. Application shall be made at least 7 calendar days prior to the event to the Village President with a copy to the Police Chief on forms supplied by the Village.
  4. The cost of a special event permit shall be \$200.00.
  5. The special event permit shall extend the hours, but not authorize an increase in the maximum decibel levels listed in a and b above.

6. No special event permit shall be issued to any Commercial Establishment that has pled or been found guilty in a Court of competent jurisdiction or Administrative Adjudication of violating any provision of the Village of Thornton noise ordinance (Title 10 chapter 7) or any similar provision of Local, State or Federal law for a period of 6 months after such plea or finding of guilt

**SECTION 2:** That Title 10, Chapter 7, Section 8.B. shall be amended to read as follows:

8. B. A second violation of this Chapter by the same person or establishment is punishable by a fine of no less than \$250 and any future violation shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$500.00.

**SECTION 3:** That Title 10, Chapter 7, Section 8.D. shall be amended with the addition of a new Section D. which shall read as follows:

D. In addition to all other remedies contained in the Village Code, including Chapter 5, if any establishment holding a liquor license pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Village Code which has agreed to liability or is found liable of a violation of this Chapter, three (3) or more times within a one (1) year period, then the Police Chief or Village Administrator shall recommend that be said liquor license shall be suspended or revoked by the local Liquor Commissioner. Such a recommendation shall be based upon the number and severity of the violations and steps taken to remedy said violations.

**SECTION 4:** **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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**VOTE:**

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

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

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

APPROVED BY ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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

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ATTEST:

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Nikki Katakis  
Acting Village Clerk  
Village of Thornton  
Cook County, Illinois