



## THORNTON, ILLINOIS

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January 8, 2025

Melissa Wyatt  
Thornton Village Hall  
312 North Hunter Street  
Thornton, Illinois 60476

R.e: Raffle Ordinance

Dear Ms. Wyatt:

On behalf of the Thornton Lions, I am requesting a waiver of the fees and licensing regarding the Raffle Ordinance that was approved. The Lions plans for the upcoming year will feature misc. 50/50 raffles. Our Pancake Breakfast is set for March 9, 2025, at the Thornton American Legion which will contain several 50/50 raffles. On May 18, 2025, we plan to draw the winners of our annual community Betterment Raffle. Sales of tickets will begin in January of 2025. All profits from the Community Betterment Raffle are separated from our general account and are to be used for the community. These tickets will be sold locally, and some sales may occur within the Village.

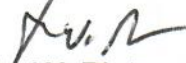
The profits of the Pancake Breakfast, the Community Betterment Raffle and all other fundraisers have been used annually for the benefit of the Village. Examples include:

1. Purchase of defibrillators for the Thornton Fire Department.
2. Purchase and construction of Pavilions at the Community Center.
3. Purchase and installation of a skate park by the Community Center.
4. Built several ramps in the Village for disabled residents.
5. Sponsoring the bus that transports Wolcott School students for their annual Springfield trip.
6. Obtaining glasses and hearing aids for residents.
7. Among other donations and actions we take throughout the Village.

These are a minor screenshot of the Lions helping the community. 2025 will be our 75th anniversary. We have for years worked with the Village to improve the Thornton Community.

Wherefore the Thornton Lions respectfully ask the village to grandfather us from the Raffle ordinance and the anticipated fees and licensing requirements. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



John W. Pleta

Thornton Lions Club Secretary

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cc: Lion President Jim Bono

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