
THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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ADOPTING A REMOTE ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR MEETINGS OF THE
VILLAGE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES

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WHEREAS, the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois (the “*Village*”) is a duly organized and existing municipal corporation created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, as from time to time supplemented and amended; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.* (hereinafter the “*OMA*”) provides for electronic participation in lieu of physical presence at a public meeting provided that there is a quorum physically present at the meeting; and

WHEREAS, to permit attendance by a means other than physical presence, the Village must adopt procedures that conform to the requirements and restrictions of the *OMA*; and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) deem it advisable and in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village to adopt a policy to allow for electronic attendance for members of the Corporate Authorities.

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

Section 1. Recitals. 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. Definition of Meeting. Any gathering, whether in person or by video or audio conference, telephone call, electronic means (such as, without limitation, electronic mail,

electronic chat, and instant messaging), or other means of contemporaneous interactive communication, of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business or such other definition as shall be contained within state statutes.

Section 3. Electronic Attendance at Meetings. A member of the Corporate Authorities may participate and vote electronically at public meetings, if the member is unable to physically attend because of: 1) personal illness or disability; 2) employment purposes or business related to the Village of Thornton; 3) a family or other emergency; 4) unexpected childcare obligations. In order for such participation to be valid, the member must provide notice at least 24 hours before the meeting unless advance notice is impractical. A member may vote on motions and issues coming before the Board, but his or her vote shall not count towards a quorum.

Electronic participation means participation by telephone, video, or internet connection as provided by rules adopted by the Board consistent with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7. The electronic participation shall not be valid unless it provides means for the member to hear and participate in the discussion preceding any action of the Board

Section 4. Remote Participation Policy. The Village of Thornton Remote Attendance Policy (the “*Policy*”), which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A, is hereby approved substantially in the form presented by the Corporate Authorities of the Village.

Section 5. The Village President, Village Administrator, and Village Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Policy and any and all other documents necessary to implement the provisions, terms and conditions thereof, as therein described.

Section 6. The officials, officers and employees of the Village are hereby authorized to take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Ordinance and the Policy.

Section 7. 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 8. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 9. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its adoption, approval and publication to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village.

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PASSED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois this 21st day of September 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CUNNINGHAM				
GLASER				
MIDDLEBROOKS				
PISARZEWSKI				
PRATSCHER				
VILLAGE PRESIDENT REYNOLDS				
TOTAL				

APPROVED by the Village President of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois on this 21st day of September 2025.

MAXINE REYNOLDS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

NIKKI KITAKIS
VILLAGE CLERK

Exhibit A

Policy

(see attached)