
THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2026-018

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THE VILLAGE HEALTH OFFICER**

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WHEREAS, the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois (the “*Village*”) is a 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, Section 1-6G-1 (“*Appointment, qualifications*”) of Chapter 1-6 (“*Village Officers and Employees*”) of Title 1 (“*Administrative*”) and Section 3-7-2(A) (“*Appointments, salary, composition*”) of Chapter 3-7 (“*Board of Health*”) of Title 3 (“*Boards and Commissions*”) of the Thornton Municipal Code (the “*Code*”) establish provisions relating to the appointment of a Health Officer and currently provide that the Health Officer shall be appointed annually as of May 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities desire to amend the Code to eliminate the requirement for annual appointments and instead provide that the Health Officer shall serve until his or her successor is appointed to promote continuity and efficiency in the administration of public health functions; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the following change to its Code is in the best interest of the Village and promotes the efficient and effective operation of its public health administration.

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 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. Section 1-6G-1 (“*Appointment, qualifications*”) of Chapter 1-6 (“*Village Officers and Employees*”) of Title 1 (“*Administrative*”) of the Thornton Code is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read, as follows:

Section 1-6G-1: Appointment, qualifications.

A Health Officer shall be appointed ~~annually as of May 1 of each year~~ by the Village President and with the consent of the Board of Trustees. The Health Officer shall serve until his or her successor is appointed. The Health Officer shall be experienced in the administration of public health matters. He need not be a resident of the Village.

Section 3. Section 3-7-2(A) (“*Appointments, salary, composition*”) of Chapter 3-7 (“*Board of Health*”) of Title 3 (“*Boards and Commissions*”) of the Thornton Code is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read, as follows:

Section 3-7-2(A): Appointments, salary, composition.

A. A Health Officer shall be appointed ~~annually as of May 1 of each year~~ by the Village President and with the consent of the Board of Trustees. The Health Officer shall serve until his or her successor is appointed. He is responsible to the Village President and the Board of Trustees for the efficient administration and enforcement of health and sanitation regulations in the Village, as well as the health and sanitation laws of the State of Illinois and the health and sanitation ordinances of the County of Cook. The Health Officer shall be experienced in the administration of public health matters. He need not be a resident of the Village.

Section 4. 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 5. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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ADOPTED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton,
Cook County, Illinois this 18th day of May 2026, 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
on this 18th day of May 2026.

MAXINE REYNOLDS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

NIKKI KITAKIS
VILLAGE CLERK