
THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2026-019

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AMENDING SECTION 2-4A-1 (“APPOINTMENT”) OF CHAPTER 2-4 (“FIRE
DEPARTMENT”) OF TITLE 2 (“DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS”) OF
ITS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

MAXINE REYNOLDS, Village President
NIKKI KITAKIS, Village Clerk

ROSEMARY CUNNINGHAM
GINA GLASER
ERNEST “BO” KAYE
PHILLIP MIDDLEBROOKS
DEBRA PISARZEWSKI
MARTIN PRATSCHER
Trustees

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-019

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AMENDING SECTION 2-4A-1 (“*APPOINTMENT*”) OF CHAPTER 2-4 (“*FIRE
DEPARTMENT*”) OF TITLE 2 (“*DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS*”) OF
ITS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

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 2-4A-1 of the Thornton Municipal Code (the “*Code*”) currently provides that the Fire Chief is appointed for a fixed annual term from May 1 to April 30; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities desire to amend such provision to eliminate the fixed annual term and clarify that the appointment is not limited to an annual term; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the following changes to the Code are in the best interest of the Village and promote the efficient and consistent administration of the Fire Department.

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 2-4A-1 (“*Appointment*”) of Article A of Chapter 2-4 (“*Fire Department*”) of Title 2 (“*Departments and Department Officials*”) of the Thornton Code is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read, as follows:

Section 2-4A-1: Appointment.

The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Village President by and with the consent and advice of the Board of Trustees and shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and qualified. ~~His appointment shall be from May 1 to April 30.~~

Section 3. 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 4. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

(Intentionally Left Blank)

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