

**AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE A QUESTION OF PUBLIC POLICY ON THE  
NOVEMBER 5, 2024 BALLOT REQUESTING LEGAL VOTERS IN THE  
VILLAGE OF THORNTON TO DECIDE WHETHER THE VILLAGE OF  
THORNTON SHOULD ENACT AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING AND  
REGULATING THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD CHICKENS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton desire to find out whether the legal voters of the Village of Thornton wish the Village to enact an Ordinance allowing and regulating the keeping of backyard chickens; and

**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 a question of public policy shall be placed on the ballot at the General election to be held on November 5, 2024, for the legal voters residing in the Village of Thornton, pursuant to Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/28-7 et seq.), in the following form:

Shall the Village of Thornton, Cook County Illinois Enact an Ordinance Allowing and Regulating the Keeping of Backyard Chickens in The Village of Thornton?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SECTION 2:** The proposition hereinabove referred shall be submitted to the voters of the Village of Thornton in accordance with the general election law at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 o’clock p.m. (the “Election”).

**SECTION 3:** For the purpose of the Election, the Village shall be divided into election precincts and the boundaries of said election precincts and the polling place designated for each election precinct shall be those election precincts and polling places established by the Cook County Board.

**SECTION 4:** The County Clerk of Cook County shall give published notice of the Election (the “Notice”) in accordance with the general election law.

**SECTION 5:** Notice of the Election shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, State of Illinois:

Shall the Village of Thornton, Cook County Illinois Enact an Ordinance Allowing and Regulating the Keeping of Backyard Chickens in The Village of Thornton?

Voters must vote at the polling place designated for the election precinct within which they reside. The polls at said election will be opened at 6:00 a.m. and will be closed at 7:00 p.m. on said day.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, The County of Cook  
State of Illinois

**SECTION 6:** The proposition hereinabove set shall be submitted to the voters at said Election upon a ballot to be in substantially the following form, with such alterations, changes, deletions, and insertions as may be required by Article 24A of The Election Code, if an electronic, mechanical, or electric voter system is used:

(FACE OF BALLOT)  
OFFICIAL BALLOT

VILLAGE OF THORNTON  
BACKYARD CHICKEN REFERENDUM

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark cross (x) in the space opposite the word indicating the way you desire to vote.)

Shall the Village of Thornton, Cook County Illinois Enact an Ordinance Allowing and Regulating the Keeping of Backyard Chickens in The Village of Thornton?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

On the back of the ballot shall appear the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official Ballot for voting on the proposition to establish whether the Village of Thornton, Cook County, State of Illinois should Enact an Ordinance Allowing and Regulating the Keeping of Backyard Chickens in the Village of Thornton.

(Facsimile Signature)  
County Clerk, The County of Cook  
State of Illinois

**SECTION 7:** For the Election, those persons appointed by the County Board of Cook County shall serve as election judges in each election precinct.

**SECTION 8:** The Secretary of this Board shall certify to the Cook County Clerk the public question set forth herein to be voted upon at the election.

**SECTION 9:** The Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and time as provided by the general election law.

PASSED by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton,  
Cook County, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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

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

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

APPROVED by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Pisarzewski.  
Acting Village President  
Village of Thornton  
Cook County, Illinois

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ATTEST:

Village Seal

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Debra L. Pisarzewski, Village Clerk  
Village of Thornton  
Cook County, Illinois