

**THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SALARIES  
FOR CERTAIN ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR  
THORNTON TOWNSHIP, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

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**WHEREAS**, Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois (the "Township"), is a duly organized and existing township and unit of local government created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is operating under the provisions of the Illinois Township Code, 60 ILCS 1/1-1, *et seq.* (the "Code"), and all laws amendatory thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Supervisor (the "Supervisor") and Township Trustees (collectively, the "Township Board") are committed to ensuring the efficient operation of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the electors of Thornton Township elect individuals to run the business of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, said individuals are paid a salary established by Thornton Township from Township monies, as established by ordinance of the Township, and the Township Board has determined that the salaries need to be changed or adjusted beginning when and where allowed by law; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Board of Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

**ARTICLE I.  
IN GENERAL**

**Section 01. Incorporation Clause.**

All of the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct, and the Township Board does hereby, by reference, incorporate and make them part of this Ordinance as legislative findings.

**Section 02. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a new salary ordinance providing for the salaries of certain offices of the Township.

**Section 03. Invocation of Authority.**

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the Township by the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

**Section 04. State Law Adopted.**

All applicable provisions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, including the Illinois Township Code, as may be amended from time to time, relating to the purposes of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**ARTICLE II.  
SALARIES ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND ESTABLISHED**

**Section 05.01. Maintenance of Salaries of Officials Elected or Appointed Prior to the Effective Date of this Ordinance.**

The Township Board hereby adopts, approves, and establishes that the salary of anyone

having been appointed or elected to the position of Supervisor prior to or upon the effective date of this Ordinance will maintain the salary and all additional allowances as of the date of passage of this Ordinance throughout their current tenure as Supervisor including any subsequent terms to which said qualifying Supervisor is elected or re-elected.

Anyone having been appointed or elected to the office of Trustee prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, will maintain their annual salary and all additional allowances as of the date of passage of this Ordinance throughout their current tenure as Trustee and if re-elected, they shall receive forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) annually plus all additional allowances permitted as of the date of passage of this Ordinance. The salary and allowances provided for in this subsection shall include and continue for any subsequent terms to which said qualifying Trustee is elected or reelected; and

Anyone having been appointed or elected to the office of Clerk, Assessor, or Highway Commissioner prior to or upon the effective date of this Ordinance will maintain their salary and all additional allowances as of the date of passage of this Ordinance throughout their current tenure in said office, including and continuing for any subsequent terms to which said qualifying Clerk, Assessor, or Highway Commissioner is elected or re-elected; and

**Section 05.02. Salaries of Officials Elected or Appointed After the Effective Date of this Ordinance.**

Anyone who is elected, or appointed, to a term of office to begin on or after the effective date of this Ordinance, except those who are subject to the maintenance of benefits provisions provided for in Section 05.01 herein, shall receive the following annual salaries: for the office of Supervisor, the annual salary shall be twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); for the office of

Trustee, the annual salary shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000); for the Clerk, the Assessor and the Highway Commissioner, the annual salary shall be twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000).

**Section 05.03. Appointments to Current Terms of Office.**

Anyone appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of Supervisor, Trustee, Clerk, Highway Commissioner, or Assessor prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall receive the salary and benefits of the current office holder for the remainder of the term of office to which they were appointed. If any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of Supervisor, Trustee, Clerk, Highway Commissioner, or Assessor prior to the effective date of this ordinance is re-elected to a subsequent term of office, consecutive to the one to which they were appointed, said official shall continue to receive the salary and benefits that were in effect for said office when they were appointed as provided for in Section 05.01 of this Ordinance.

**Section 05.04. Annual Cost of Living Adjustments for All Elected or Appointed Officials.**

All elected offices of the Township referenced above are eligible for annual cost of living adjustments.

**ARTICLE III.  
HEADINGS, SAVINGS CLAUSES,  
PUBLICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE**

**Section 06. Headings.**

The headings for the articles, sections, paragraphs and sub-paragraphs of this Ordinance are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Ordinance nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of this Ordinance.

**Section 07. Severability.**

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-paragraph, section or part of this Ordinance be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-paragraph, section or part shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable and as though not provided for herein, and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the Township Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted had not such unconstitutional or invalid provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-paragraph, section or part thereof been included.

**Section 08. Superseder.**

All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

**Section 09. Publication.**

A full, true and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form as provided by the Illinois Township Code, as amended.

**Section 10.0. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect following its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law, and the salaries provided for herein shall be effective for the terms of office set to begin on or after the April 1, 2025 election (see 60 ILCS 5/50-15 and 60