

**THORNTON TOWNSHIP
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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THORNTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ADOPTED BY THE
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THORNTON TOWNSHIP**

**TIFFANY A. HENYARD, Township Supervisor
LORETTA C. WELLS, Township Clerk**

**DARLENE GRAY EVERETT
CHRISTOPHER GONZALEZ
CARMEN CARLISLE
STEPHANIE WIEDEMAN
Trustees**

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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, Article VII, Section 10(a) of the Illinois Constitution authorizes units of local government to contract or otherwise associate with individuals, associations, and corporations in any manner not prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, a dispute exists related to an alleged agreement between Katherine Granberry (“Granberry”), a Township employee, and the Township related to a performance contract for the 2024 Taste of Thornton Township, which was cancelled; and

WHEREAS, while the Township disputes the validity and legality of such an agreement, in order to purchase peace, the Township has agreed to settle this dispute for one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) however, the Township does not admit any wrongdoing on its part, or on the part of any of the Township’s current or former employees, officers, or officials, and the Township and Granberry, collectively the “Parties”, wish to settle these matters to avoid protracted litigation and the costs associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to avoid further controversy, costs, legal fees, inconvenience and

any future litigation regarding any issue contained in or arising from the alleged agreement, the Parties have agreed to resolve this matter in accordance with the terms set forth in an agreement, entitled, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT” (the “Settlement Agreement”), attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is advisable and in the best interests of the Township and its residents to enter into and approve the terms of the Settlement Agreement; and

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

Section 1. The statements set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Township Board hereby authorizes and approves the Settlement Agreement. The officials, officers and employees of the Township are hereby directed to take all action necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Section 3. All prior actions of the Township’s officials, employees and agents with respect to the subject matter of this Resolution are hereby expressly ratified.

Section 4. The provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable, and should any provision of this Resolution be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision 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.

Section 5. All Township code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be immediately in full force and effect after passage and approval.

PASSED by the Township Board of Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois, on the ___ day of _____, 2025, by the following roll-call vote:

Grey-Everett: _____

Gonzalez: _____

Carlisle: _____

Wiedeman _____

Supervisor Henyard: _____

APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

Tiffany A. Henyard
Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

Loretta C. Wells
Township Clerk

EXHIBIT A

COUNTY OF COOK)
) SS
STATE OF ILLINOIS)

CLERK’S CERTIFICATE

I, Loretta C. Wells, certify that I am the elected and duly qualified Clerk of Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois (the “Township”) and, as such, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Township and its Supervisor and Trustees (collectively, the “Township Board”). I further certify as follows:

Attached to this Certificate is a true, correct and complete copy of Township Resolution No. _____, entitled:

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This Resolution was passed and approved by the Township Board at a duly noticed meeting held on the ___ day of _____, 2025. I do further certify that a quorum of said Township Board was present at said meeting, and that the Township Board complied with all the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act in connection with said meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal at Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Loretta C. Wells
Township Clerk

(SEAL)