

RESOLUTION 23-R-007
A RESOLUTION CREATING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY
COMMITTEE FOR THORNTON TOWNSHIP.

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WHEREAS, to comply with the requirements of the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act (the “Act”) (70 ILCS 70/1 *et seq.*), the Corporate Authorities have determined it is necessary to form a Committee on Local Government Efficiency (the “Committee”); and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall be formed as of May 9, 2023, and shall be comprised of all members of the Corporate Authorities and at least two (2) members of the public who are residents of Thornton Township; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall be chaired by the Supervisor of Thornton Township; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Committee shall serve without compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall meet at least three (3) times, with the Committee holding its first meeting within four (4) months, a second meeting within four (4) months of its first meeting, and a third meeting within four (4) months of its second meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the Committee to be formed on or before June 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall determine at its first and second meetings the date on which it shall hold its next meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Committee’s meetings shall comply with all requirements of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*), the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*), and the Local Records Act (50 ILCS 205 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Committee shall provide public notice of its meetings at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the meeting (*see* 5 ILCS 120/2.02); and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall study Thornton Township's governing statutes, ordinances, and/or policies, as well as Thornton Township's procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall collect data, research and analysis necessary to prepare a written report on its findings; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall collect the names and email addresses of all residents attending its meetings on a sign-in sheet and shall conduct an email survey of such residents to seek their input on matters discussed at the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall within eighteen (18) months of its formation provide a written report summarizing its work and findings to the Cook County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Committee's report shall include recommendations regarding increased governmental accountability and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the two (2) members of the public who shall serve on the committee shall be [NAME] and [NAME]; and

WHEREAS, the Committee's first meeting shall be held on [DATE]; and

WHEREAS, after the Committee has made its written report to the Cook County Board, made such report available to the public, and has satisfied all other statutory requirements, the Committee shall be dissolved until it is reestablished when required by law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF THORNTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 01. Incorporation Clause.

All of the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to this Resolution are

full, true and correct, and the Corporate Authorities do hereby, by reference, incorporate and make them part of this Resolution as legislative findings.

Section 02. Formation of Committee.

That the Board of Trustees hereby forms its Committee on Local Government Efficiency consisting of the following individuals:

- Tiffany Henyard
- Joyce Washington
- Gerald “Jerry” Jones
- Darlene Gray-Everett
- Christopher D. Gonzalez

Section 03. Chairperson.

That Tiffany Henyard shall serve as the chairperson of the Efficiency Committee.

Section 04. Open Meetings Act.

That the Board Secretary, Open Meetings Act Officer, and Freedom of Information Act Officer shall serve the Efficiency Committee in those respective roles.

Section 05. Compliance with the Act.

That the Committee shall perform its duties in accordance with 50 ILCS 70/1 *et seq.*

Section 06. Written Report.

That the Committee shall provide a written report to the Cook County Board no later than Monday, November 11, 2024 since November 9, 2024 is a Saturday, which is eighteen months after the day of the Committee’s formation.

Section 07. Invocation of Authority.

This Resolution is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to Thornton Township by the

Constitution of the State of Illinois and the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Section 08. State Law Adopted.

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

Section 09. Authorization

That the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to and to take all actions necessary to carry out and effectuate the purpose of this Resolution, and is further authorized and directed to execute any related documentation and to affix the Seal to such documentation as is necessary. Officers, employees and/or agents of Thornton Township are authorized to take all action necessary or reasonably required to carry out, give effect to and consummate the intent of this Resolution and to take all action necessary in conformity therewith.

Section 10. Headings

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

Section 11. Severability.

The provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-paragraph, section, or part of this Resolution 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 Corporate Authorities that this Resolution would have been adopted had not such unconstitutional or invalid provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-paragraph, section, or part thereof been included.

Section 12. Superseder.

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

Section 13. Effective Date.

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

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PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

APPROVED by me this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Township Supervisor

ATTESTED AND FILED in my
office this ____ day of
_____, 2023

Township Clerk