

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
ORDINANCE 2025-032**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR CONTROL, OF THE
VERNON HILLS CODE, SECTION 3-12, LICENSE CLASSIFICATION AND FEES,
MODIFYING THE CLASS "N" CONVENIENCE STORE LICENSE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills is a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and

WHEREAS, the Village, as a municipal corporation, has a duty to regulate the purchase, sale and serving of alcoholic beverages to the public for the protection of the public, health, safety, morals and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole, at its meeting on March 18, 2025, discussed a draft amendment to Chapter 3, Alcoholic Liquor Control, of the Vernon Hills Code, which would modify the Class "N" convenience store license to allow limited display and sale of hard liquor / spirits, and recommended that an ordinance be prepared for consideration at an upcoming meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Liquor Control Commission, at its meeting on March 31, 2025, approved a Class "N" liquor license for Vernmill Business Inc., dba Ernie's Shell, 909 S. Milwaukee Avenue, subject to the approval of amendment to the Class N license regulations as described in this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees hereby adopt this ordinance amending the Liquor Control Ordinance of the Village of Vernon Hills pursuant to its duty to regulate the purchase and sale of alcoholic beverages within the Village of Vernon Hills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS:

SECTION I. The above listed recitals are incorporated into and made part of this Ordinance.

SECTION II. AMENDMENT: MODIFICATION OF CLASS N. That Chapter 3, Alcoholic Liquor Control, of the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances, Section, 3-12, is hereby amended to modify the Class "N" License description, as subsection 6, to read as follows:

3-12(14) Class "N" License (convenience store, ~~no fuel sales~~ limited sale of spirits): A class "N" license shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in convenience food stores, not for consumption on premises. Class "N" licenses shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations.

1. The display of ~~alcoholic~~ **hard liquor / spirits** shall only be located in a secure location behind the cashier's counter that is not accessible to the public.
2. The liquor display area behind the cashier's counter shall include not more than five shelves. Each shelf shall have a maximum length of eight feet and a maximum depth of 18 inches. The storage of liquor that is not visible to customers shall not be included in this limitation.
3. ~~Such license shall not be permitted in conjunction with automobile service stations and/or mini-marts as defined by section 3.2 of the zoning ordinance.~~
4. ~~3.~~ Hours of operation shall be in accordance with section 3-23 of the liquor and licensing code.
5. ~~4.~~ Promotional "tasting" or sampling shall not be permitted.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any section, clause, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect. If any part of this ordinance is found to be invalid in any one or more of its several applications, all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications shall remain in effect.

SECTION IV. REPEAL AND SAVINGS CLAUSE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, actions or causes of action which shall have accrued to the Village of Vernon Hills prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

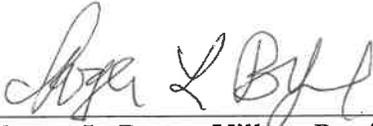
SECTION VI. ORDINANCE NUMBER. This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance Number 2025-032.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

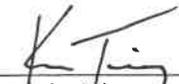
AYES: 6 – Forster, Schenk, Marquardt, Oppenheim, Byrne, Koch

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 – Takaoka


 Roger L. Byrne, Village President

PASSED: 03/31/2025
 APPROVED: 03/31/2025
 ATTEST: 03/31/2025


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THE 31st DAY OF MARCH 2025

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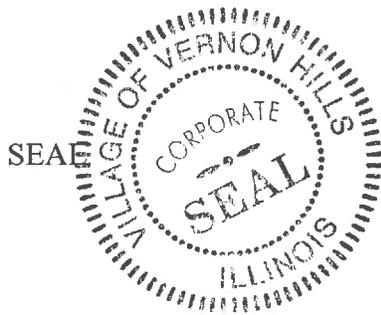
CERTIFICATE

I, KEVIN TIMONY, CERTIFY THAT I AM THE DULY APPOINTED AND ACTING VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT ON MARCH 31, 2025, THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF SUCH MUNICIPALITY PASSED AND APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-032 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR CONTROL, OF THE VERNON HILLS CODE, SECTION 3-12, LICENSE CLASSIFICATION AND FEES, MODIFYING THE CLASS "N" CONVENIENCE STORE LICENSE.

THE PAMPHLET FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2025-032 INCLUDING THE ORDINANCE AND A COVER SHEET THEREOF, WAS PREPARED, AND A COPY DATED MARCH 31, 2025 AND CONTINUING FOR AT LEAST TEN DAYS THEREAFTER. COPIES OF SUCH ORDINANCE WERE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UPON REQUEST IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK.

DATED IN VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS, THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2025.


Kevin Timony, Village Clerk



AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

I, KEVIN TIMONY, BEING FIRST DULY APPOINTED, DEPOSES AND SAYS ON OATH THAT AS VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, HE DID CAUSE THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2025-032 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR CONTROL, OF THE VERNON HILLS CODE, SECTION 3-12, LICENSE CLASSIFICATION AND FEES, MODIFYING THE CLASS "N" CONVENIENCE STORE LICENSE TO BE POSTED IN THE VILLAGE HALL AS REQUIRED BY LAW FROM MARCH 31, 2025 TO APRIL 14, 2025.



Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH 2025



Notary Public

