

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
ORDINANCE 2025-091**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VI, TO BE
RETITLED AS OUTDOOR USE PERMITS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Section 6(a) of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois and, pursuant to the provisions of said Section 6(a) of Article VII, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including, but not limited to, the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; to license; to tax; and to incur debt; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1, provides that the corporate authorities of each Illinois municipality may pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities, with such fees or penalties as may be deemed proper; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 10, Licenses, Permits, and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, of the Vernon Hills Village Code, Article VI, currently entitled Outdoor Dining and Seating and Merchandise Displays and Sales, XI, describes regulations and permitting procedures relating outdoor dining and merchandise display; and

WHEREAS, the Village Staff recommends that the Article should be re-titled Outdoor Use Permits and incorporate fleet parking and additional outdoor uses currently subject to special event permits; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole discussed Staff's recommendation and reviewed the draft code amendment at its meeting on July 22, 2025, with the consensus of the Committee to recommend approval by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees has determined that the requested amendment is in the best interest of the Village of Vernon Hills and hereby adopts this ordinance amending the Vernon Hills Village Code pursuant to its authority to establish reasonable regulations pertaining to the use of land and establish license and permitting requirements.

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 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into and made part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Chapter 10, Licenses, Permits, and Miscellaneous Business Regulations, of the Vernon Hills Village Code, Article VI, is hereby retitled Outdoor Use Permits amended as follows:

Section 10-190. Definitions

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***Fleet vehicle parking.* Fleet vehicle parking shall mean the parking of commercial vehicles, including trailers, up to 28 ft in length, 14 ft in height, and 9 ft in width, for a business lawfully located on the subject property.**

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***Special Event.* Special Event shall mean a temporary use of the property that is not associated with the principal use or a permitted accessory use as defined in Appendix C, Zoning, of the Village Code.**

Section 10-191. Outdoor Use Permit establishment plan – Standards of review.

The village board shall approve an outdoor use permit establishment plan and application if it makes all the following findings:

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- (h) The proposed plan will not obstruct pedestrian traffic or impede building egress and exiting.

In approving an outdoor use permit establishment plan, the village board may impose such conditions, as it deems appropriate to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

Section 10-192. Outdoor use permit establishment required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate an outdoor use establishment without having first obtained a permit therefor from the village. An application for permit shall be made on form(s) prescribed by the village clerk, and shall be accompanied by the required outdoor use permit establishment plan and nonrefundable permit application fee. Outdoor establishment plans and applications shall be reviewed and approved by the village board. The permit for outdoor merchandise displays and sales is valid from April 1 through September 30 unless the village board approves alternative dates. The permits for outdoor dining and fleet parking seating is are valid from May 1 through April 30 unless the village board approves alternative dates. **Special event permits shall be valid for the dates specified.**

Section 10-192. Renewal of outdoor establishment permit.

An outdoor use establishment permit shall be renewed when the following conditions exist.

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Section 10-196. Transfer and permit display

No permit under this division shall be transferable and ~~permits~~ **permits** shall be displayed in view of the outdoor establishment for the duration of the permit. **During the course of the business license review for a new business, Staff may determine that a new business operator may be issued an outdoor dining permit administratively if there are no changes to the configuration or appearance of a previously approved dining area.**

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Section 10-198. Outdoor merchandise display and sales.

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- (e) No outdoor establishment shall be located on any area designated for parking of motor vehicles.

Exception. The village board may authorize the outdoor display of seasonal landscaping in parking lots as a temporary accessory use for retail stores having an outdoor garden center that is a minimum of 10,000 square feet. Such outdoor display and sales area shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

- (1) Seasonal merchandise may be displayed between April 1 and August 1, **or** as approved by the village board.
- (2) Applicants must seek approval from the village board on a yearly basis **unless Staff determines that an existing outdoor merchandise area has been operated successfully and there are no changes proposed.**

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[INSERT NEW SECTION 10-999 AND 10-200 TO READ AS FOLLOWS}

Sec. 10-199. Special Events

- (a) **Special events may include, but are not limited to, festivals, fairs, carnivals, circuses, car shows, community runs/walks, craft shows, temporary remote parking, and concerts.**
- (b) **The application for a special event shall be made on a form provided by the Village.**
- (c) **A special event permit may require additional separate permits, such as a liquor license, sign permit, tent permit, generator permit, Lake County health permit, or a temporary water meter permit from Lake County**
- (d) **The dates and hours of the special event shall be specified in the approved application. Modifications to the noise ordinance may only be approved by the Village Board.**
- (e) **A special event operator may be required to hire off duty police officers if it is determined that additional public safety personnel are needed for the event.**

- (f) **The special event application must be submitted at least 45 days in advance of the event to ensure that the Village Board will have an opportunity to review the plans.**
- (g) **The Village Manager, or designated staff, may issue a special event permit administratively if it is determined that a special event has no impact on public services, public streets, or adjacent properties.**

Section 10-200. Fleet Vehicle Parking

- (a) **Fleet vehicle parking shall be limited to vehicles operated by a business located on the same zoning lot.**
- (b) **The application for fleet vehicle parking shall be made on a form provided by the Village, and include a site plan indicating the location designated for parking, the total number of vehicles to be parked, a description of the vehicles, and the landlord's approval.**
- (c) **Vehicles parked in the designated area shall be in good working condition, free of visible damage, and without visible equipment.**
- (d) **Vehicles shall not be located to serve as signage.**
- (e) **Vehicles exceeding typical parking stall dimensions shall not block drive aisles, and must be clearly identified on the site plan.**

Section 10-201 ~~199~~. Penalty.

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Section 10-202 ~~200~~. Suspension and revocation of outdoor ~~establishment~~ use permit

If the building commissioner determines that there has been a violation of any condition imposed pursuant to an outdoor ~~establishment~~ use plan or approved permit and the applicant has failed to maintain the outdoor establishment in accordance with the approved plan and permit, the building commissioner may schedule a hearing before the village board, who shall determine that there has been a violation of a condition imposed pursuant to an outdoor establishment plan and permit, then the village board may invoke a reasonable fine or suspension up to and including permit revocation.

Section 10-203 ~~201~~ – 10-209. Reserved.

SECTION 3. 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.

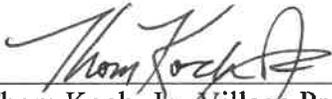
SECTION 4. REPEAL AND SAVINGS CLAUSE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, actions or causes of action which shall have accrued to the Village of Vernon Hills prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 6. ORDINANCE NUMBER. This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance Number 2025-091.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4 – Marquardt, Schenk, Lundeen, Koch
NAYS: 0 - None
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Forster, Oppenheim, Takaoka



Thom Koch, Jr., Village President

PASSED: 08/12/2025
APPROVED: 08/12/2025
ATTEST: 08/12/2025



Kevin Timony, Village Clerk



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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. 2025-091 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VI, TO BE RETITLED AS OUTDOOR USE PERMITS TO BE POSTED IN THE VILLAGE HALL AS REQUIRED BY LAW FROM AUGUST 12, 2025 TO AUGUST 26, 2025.



Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS 12th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025



Notary Public

