

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
ORDINANCE 2025-103**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR CONTROL, OF THE
VERNON HILLS CODE, SECTION 3-12, LICENSE CLASSIFICATION AND FEES,
MODIFYING THE CLASS “G” SPECIAL EVENT 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 September 2, 2025, discussed a draft amendment to Chapter 3, Alcoholic Liquor Control, of the Vernon Hills Code, which would modify the Class “G” Special Event license to permit for-profit entities to obtain a license to host a special event, and recommended that an ordinance be prepared for consideration at an upcoming meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Liquor Control Commission, at its meeting on September 16, 2025, approved a Class “G3” liquor license for Hawthorn Mall, subject to the approval of amendment to the liquor code 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: MODIFYING THE CLASS G LICENSE. 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 “G” License description, subsection 7, to read as follows:

3-12(7) Class “G” License (special event): A class “G” license shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquors for consumption on the premises ~~owned or leased by nonprofit or governmental organizations and occupied by the licensee~~ **defined in a special event permit application.** Class “G” licenses shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- a. **Class G-1: Nonprofit organizations.**
 - 1. Special events sponsored by nonprofit organizations must be for the licensee's members and their guests.
 - 2. Special events for nonmembers on the licensed premises are limited to two events per calendar year.
- b. **Class G-2: Governmental organizations.**
 - 1. Prearranged events sponsored by nonprofit organizations and individuals held on the premises owned or leased by the licensed governmental organization must include the service of food.
 - 2. A BASSET (~~beverage alcohol sellers and servers education and training program~~) certified representative of the government organization must be present throughout the entire event where alcoholic liquor is being served and/or consumed. **Third-party servers, such as caterers, may fulfill this requirement.**
- c. **Class G-3: For-profit organizations.**
 - 1. **Prearranged events sponsored by for-profit organizations and individuals held on the premises as defined in the application.**
 - 2. **Host organization shall apply for and obtain the license, and shall be responsible for verifying the licensing of any vendors associated with the event.**
 - 3. **Host organization shall provide proof of insurance as required by this Chapter.**
 - 4. **A BASSET certified representative of the host organization must be present throughout the entire event where alcoholic liquor is being served and/or consumed. Third-party servers, such as caterers, may fulfill this requirement.**

SECTION III. AMENDMENT TO LICENSE QUANTITY TABLE. Chapter 3, Alcoholic Liquor Control, of the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances, Section 3-38, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3-38. License Quantities by Class

The quantity of licenses available for issuance at any given time within the Village of Vernon Hills shall be as follows:

Class	Description	Quantity Available
A	On premises consumption	33
B	Package	11
C	Club, on premises	0
D	Beer/wine, package	9
E	Beer/wine, on premises consumption	6
F	Catering	1
G1	Special Event: Non-profit organizations /government	N/A
G2	Special Event: Government organizations	N/A
G3	Special Event: For-profit organizations	N/A
H	Banquet hall	2
I	Hotel beer/wine, complimentary	1
J	Grocery; packaged w/ accessory bar	2
K	Day spa beer/wine	0
L	Online	0
M	Movie theater in mall	1
N	Convenience Store (limited spirits)	1
O	Barbershop w/ beer	0
P	On-premises service (supplement to B license)	1
Q	Tasting Room	2

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

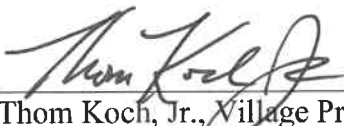
SECTION VII. ORDINANCE NUMBER. This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance Number 2025-103.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 7 – Marquardt, Oppenheim, Takaoka, Forster, Schenk, Lundeen, Koch

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None


Thom Koch, Jr., Village President

PASSED: 09/16/2025

APPROVED: 09/16/2025

ATTEST: 09/16/2025


Kevin Timony, Village Clerk



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THE 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025

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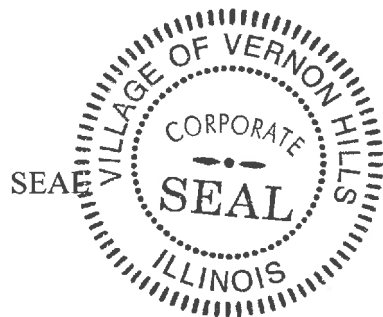
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

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 SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF SUCH MUNICIPALITY PASSED AND APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 2025-103 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR CONTROL, OF THE VERNON HILLS CODE, SECTION 3-12, LICENSE CLASSIFICATION AND FEES, MODIFYING THE CLASS "G" SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE.

THE PAMPHLET FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2025-103 INCLUDING THE ORDINANCE AND A COVER SHEET THEREOF, WAS PREPARED, AND A COPY DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 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 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.




Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

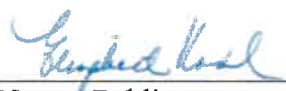
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

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. 2025-103 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR CONTROL, OF THE VERNON HILLS CODE, SECTION 3-12, LICENSE CLASSIFICATION AND FEES, MODIFYING THE CLASS "G" SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE TO BE POSTED IN THE VILLAGE HALL AS REQUIRED BY LAW FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.



Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025



Notary Public

