

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
ORDINANCE 2021-109**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN THE VILLAGE
OF VERNON HILLS REGARDING THE DISPENSING OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES**

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills (“Village”) is a home rule municipality as defined by Article VII, § 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs and that protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Village and its officials are authorized pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, (235 ILCS 5/1, et seq.), to provide for the control, management and licensing of the sale of alcoholic beverages within the corporate boundaries of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the Village have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village that certain amendments be made to the Village Code, to modify the minimum age for the serving and dispensing of alcoholic beverages to patrons in the Village, in limited circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills, Lake County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Amendments to Village Code. The Code of Ordinances of the Village of Vernon Hills shall be amended as follows:

Chapter 3 of the Village of Vernon Hills Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3-25 – Offenses and restrictions involving minors.

[...]

- (g) It shall be unlawful for any licensee or person in charge of a premises licensed hereunder to permit any person less than 21 years of age to be in charge of such a premises, or to sell, serve or deliver any alcoholic liquor in any licensed retail premises; provided, however, that a person less than 21 years of age but at least ~~19~~18 years of age may do so when in the presence and under the direct supervision and control of an employee or employer 21 years of age or older. No person who is under the age of 21 years shall perform service as a bartender or draw, mix or pour any alcoholic liquor within any premises for which a retail liquor license has been issued, except as provided in subsection (i).

- (h) No person who is under the age of 1918 years shall serve any alcoholic liquor as a waiter or waitress within any premises for which a retail liquor license has been issued.
- (i) Nothing contained in subsections (g) and (h) above shall be construed to prohibit persons of the age of 1918 years or older from pouring, mixing or adding nonalcoholic beverages to a prepoured or mixed alcoholic liquor, provided such acts by a person of the age of 1918 years or older are performed as an incidental act to such person's employment as a waiter or waitress whose primary function is limited to serving food and beverage within premises for which a retail liquor license has been issued; and provided, further, that such acts do not constitute tending a bar.

[...]

SECTION 3. Intent and Purpose. That officials, officers and employees of the Village are hereby authorized to take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2021

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6 – Marquardt, Forster, Oppenheim, Koch, Takaoka, Schenk.

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Byrne

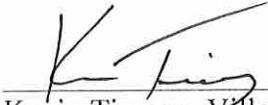
Adopted this 10th day of August 2021, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills, Illinois.


Thom Koch Jr., Village President Pro Tem

PASSED: 08/10/2021

APPROVED: 08/10/2021

ATTEST: 08/10/2021


Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

