

**VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS
ORDINANCE 2022-094**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, ILLINOIS TO CREATE CERTAIN
CLASSIFICATIONS OF OFFENSES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE VILLAGE CODE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1 *et seq.*, the Village has the authority to impose penalties for ordinance violations, and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary to carry into effect such powers; and

WHEREAS, the Village Code of the Village of Vernon Hills, Illinois, (“Village Code”), currently does not contain specific classifications for violations of the Village Code in which the violator is alleged to be accountable for the actions of another alleged violator; and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees desire to amend Chapter 1 of the Village Code, titled “General Provisions”, consistent with the Village’s home rule authority, to include a classification of an offense against the Village Code by an individual who is accountable for the alleged violation of another individual; and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees have determined that it will serve and be in the best interests of the Village and its residents to amend the Village Code pursuant to this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION ONE. RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Ordinance as findings of the Village President and Board of Trustees.

SECTION TWO. GENERAL PENALTY. Chapter 1, titled “General Provisions” of the Village Code is hereby amended as follows to include a new Section 1-12:

“Sec. 1-12. Unlawful or Prohibited Acts Include Causing, Permitting and Concealing.

Whenever in this Code any act or omission is made unlawful or prohibited, it shall include causing, allowing, permitting, aiding, abetting, suffering or concealing the fact of such act or omission.”

SECTION THREE. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance are to remain in full force and effect, and are to be interpreted, applied, and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

SECTION FOUR. PUBLICATION. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form pursuant to the Statutes of the State of Illinois.

SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance will be in full force and effect after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2022.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYS: 0 - None

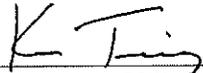
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Byrne


Thom Koch Jr., Chairman Pro Tem

PASSED: 09/06/2022

APPROVED: 09/06/2022

ATTEST: 09/06/2022


Kevin Timony, Village Clerk

