

ORDINANCE NO: 26-09
ADOPTED ON: 7-6-2026

AN ORDINANCE CREATING, ESTABLISHING, AND ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE CYBERSECURITY POLICY

WHEREAS, HB 96, signed by Governor DeWine in June 2025, created Ohio's new cybersecurity law for political subdivisions under R.C. 9.64 (eff. September 30, 2025); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. 9.64, all political subdivisions must begin reporting cybersecurity incidents to the Ohio Department of Public Safety and Auditor of State; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 9.64 also requires political subdivisions to adopt a cybersecurity program to protect against potential cybersecurity threats; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for political subdivisions (other than cities and counties) to adopt a cybersecurity program is July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Thornville now wants to create, establish, and adopt a cybersecurity policy to protect the Village's confidential data and to comply with R.C. 9.64.

NOW, **THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Thornville, County of Perry, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: Council for the Village of Thornville hereby creates, establishes, and adopts its Cybersecurity Policy. A copy of the Policy will be kept on file with the Village. The Policy may be amended, from time to time, to conform with evolving state cybersecurity laws and technological advancements.

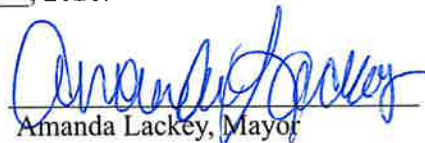
SECTION 2: Pursuant to R.C. 9.64(E), the Village of Thornville Cybersecurity Policy shall not be considered a public record under R.C. 149.43 to ensure the safety of the Village's digital infrastructure. Any public record requests for the Cybersecurity Policy shall be denied accordingly.

SECTION 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that any and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 4: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 6th day of July, 2026.


Amanda Lackey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dale Brussee, Council President

APPROVED:

Approved as to form this 8th day of May 2026


Brian M. Zets, Esq.
Village Solicitor