RESOLUTION NO. <u>25-15</u> ADOPTED **7-14-2025**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE TO SUPPLY CONTINGENCY FUNDING FOR ITS INFLOW & INFILTRATION WASTEWATER LINING PROGRAM, DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Ohio's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) offers assistance opportunities (direct and indirect loans) for qualifying point source projects (including planning, design, and construction loans) that will be owned by public entities, including wastewater infrastructure improvements/expansion; and

WHEREAS, WPCLF offers below-market interest rate loans. Direct loans are available to most public borrowers, while smaller borrowers usually receive indirect loans through our linked deposit programs. Special discounted interest rates are available for qualifying projects. WPCLF can fund eligible portions of proposed projects, or it can be combined with other funding sources, such as the Ohio Water Development Authority, the Ohio Public Works Commission, the Community Development Block Grant program and USDA's Rural Development programs; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Thornville is undertaking an Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Wastewater Lining Project to improve the performance and longevity of its sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Thornville already secured grant funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's STAG Program and the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), but must apply for a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund loan to provide contingency funding to ensure full project completion and cover any unforeseen costs; and

WHEREAS, WPCLF requires the government authority to adopt legislation for application of a loan and the execution of an agreement as well as designating a dedicated repayment source.

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

- SECTION 1: Council for the Village of Thornville hereby authorizes and directs the Village Administrator to apply for a WPCLF loan, and if awarded, execute all documents necessary to accept the loan and enter into a WPCLF (together with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority) Agreement to provide necessary contingency funding for the Village's Inflow & Infiltration Wastewater Lining Project.
- SECTION 2: Council for the Village of Thornville hereby designates the dedicated source of repayment to be User Charges.
- SECTION 3: All prior legislation, or any part thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Resolution is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.
- SECTION 4: It is hereby and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in opening meeting of this Council and that any and all deliberating if 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 5: This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village and for the further reason that Village must complete and submit this application as soon as possible. Wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the required affirmative votes of

Council, it shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by Council.

Passed in Council this	1400	day of	JULY	, 2025.
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Mound Jollan Amanda Lackey, Mayor

ATTEST

Abby Tollver, Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Approved as to form this 25th day of June 2025:

Brian M. Zets, Esq. Village Solicitor