

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 74, SECTION 74-15 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE,
VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, ILLINOIS REGARDING BLOCK PARTIES.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Stickney (the "Village") is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois 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 to review, interpret and amend its ordinances, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village President (the "President") and the Board of Trustees of the Village (the "Village Board" and with the President, the "Corporate Authorities") are committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village has an existing internal process for reviewing and evaluating requests for block parties and related street closures (the "Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, traffic control and enforcement on Village streets is a valid exercise of the police powers held by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village President (the "President") and Board of Trustees of the Village (the "Board," and together with the President, the "Corporate Authorities") recognize the need to update and clarify the Regulations from time to time, and to include the same in the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney (the "Village Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village to codify the updated Regulations by adopting Chapter 74, Section 74-15 of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is necessary, advisable and in the best interests of the Village and its residents to adopt Chapter 74, Section 74-15 of the Village Code as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
IN GENERAL**

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION CLAUSE.

The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and do hereby, by reference, incorporate and make them part of this Ordinance as legislative findings.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to adopt Chapter 74, Section 74-15 of the Village Code to adopt the updated Regulations as provided for herein and to authorize the President or his designee to take all action necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE II.
**ADOPTION OF CHAPTER 74, SECTION 74-15 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, VILLAGE OF
STICKNEY, ILLINOIS**

SECTION 3.0. ADOPTION OF CHAPTER 74, SECTION 74-15.

That the Village Code is hereby amended, notwithstanding any provision, ordinance, resolution or Village Code section to the contrary, by adopting Chapter 74, Section 74-15 as follows:

Sec. 74-15. Block Parties.

(a) Definitions.

- (1) As used in this section, the term "Block Party" shall be defined as a gathering of citizens and neighbors held outdoors and on public property for the purpose of socializing and conducting activities, which activities may include, without limitation, children's games, picnics, food preparation and consumption, and entertainment.
- (2) As used in this section, the term "Organizer" shall be defined as the person responsible for the Block Party.
- (b) Permit Required. No person shall conduct a Block Party and/or otherwise occupy or use a public street, alley, roadway, parkway or sidewalk for the purpose of conducting a Block Party without first obtaining a written permit from the Village.
- (c) Criteria for Permit. A Village resident may apply to hold a Block Party within the Village by submitting a Block Party application to the Office of the Village Clerk, during regular Village business hours. The Block Party application must be completed and must be submitted at least 30 calendar days prior to the proposed date of the Block Party and shall contain or be supplemented with the following information:

 - (1) A Hold Harmless agreement that waives any and all liability of the Village for the event must be signed by minimally sixty percent (60%) of the households on the block in question, and which shall be returned to the Village Clerk with the Application.
 - (2) A written statement by the Organizer identifying the name, address and telephone number of the Organizer and setting forth that the Organizer agrees to remain at the Block Party for the duration of the Block Party and shall comply with all subsections of this section and all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations and orders.
 - (3) The Organizer shall identify whether a band and/or disc jockey will perform at the Block Party on the application.
- (d) Action on Permit. Upon the Village's receipt of the application, the Village Clerk shall check whether or not the date the applicant is seeking for the Block Party is available. If the date is no longer available, the applicant will be given an opportunity to choose a new date. Not more than two (2) Block Parties shall be approved for any locations on the same day. Once the application is completed and accepted, the Village Clerk shall request a recommendation from the Police Department regarding whether or not the Block Party permit should be granted for the location in question. Once the Village Clerk receives the Police Department's recommendation, the Village Clerk shall place the application on the Village Board agenda for the next available Village Board meeting for action by the Board of Trustees. Applications

for Block Parties shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees in the order in which they are received. The decision of the Board of Trustees shall be based on the information contained in the application and the Police Department's recommendation and shall be final.

(e) Rules. Notwithstanding the issuance of a permit, the following rules shall apply to all Block Parties:

- (1) The placement of temporary barricades or blocking access to the public roadway shall not in any way hinder access to emergency vehicles, if required.
- (2) At the close of the Block Party, the Organizer must clean up and restore all public property to the condition that it was in prior to the Block Party, normal wear and tear excepted.
- (3) Activities of the Block Party shall not commence prior to 10:00 a.m. and must cease by 10:00 p.m.
- (4) Block Parties shall only be permitted between Memorial Day and Labor Day, inclusive.
- (5) No farm animals shall be allowed at Block Parties.
- (6) Mechanical bulls, trampolines, and dunk tanks are prohibited on Village property, including streets, sidewalks, and parkways.
- (7) Amplified music, whether through live bands and/or reproduced sound, shall be of a volume that is no louder than is necessary for the convenient hearing of the persons who are in attendance at the Block Party; however, it should not unreasonably disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of neighboring blocks not involved.
- (8) No Organizer or Block Party may charge admission fees or sell tickets for the event.
- (9) Activities not otherwise legally authorized by state or local laws are prohibited including, but not limited to, fireworks displays.
- (10) Block Parties shall only be allowed on Saturdays and Sundays and the Village shall permit no more than two Block Parties on any given Saturday and no more than two Block Parties on any given Sunday. Limited exceptions to this subsection for applications for Block Parties to be held on holidays that fall on weekdays may be made only upon a two-thirds vote of the Village Board.
- (11) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in an area reserved for a Block Party when signs are posted prohibiting the same.
- (12) Inflatables are deemed hazardous activities on public property and must provide proof of general liability insurance – no less than \$2 million and name the Village of Stickney as an Additional Insured with a certificate, additional insured endorsement and declarations page. The inflatable rental company/device owner should be required to show proof that it has complied with all regulatory requirements regarding such devices. The devices are prohibited on all roadways, concrete, paved or gravel surfaces as a safety precaution.

(f) Violations. A person who violates this section is, upon conviction, subject to a fine not less than \$100.00 and not to exceed \$750.00 and is further subject to the revocation of any permit issued under this section and denial of future permits requested.

SECTION 3.1. OTHER ACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

The officers, employees and/or agents of the Village shall take all action necessary or reasonably required to carry out, give effect to and consummate the amendments contemplated by this Ordinance, and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith. The officers, employees and/or agents of the Village are specifically authorized and directed to draft and disseminate any and all necessary forms or notices to be utilized in connection with the intent of this Ordinance and to install any necessary signage in accordance with this Ordinance.

ARTICLE III.

HEADINGS, SAVINGS CLAUSES, PUBLICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 4. HEADINGS.

The headings of the articles, sections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of this Ordinance are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Ordinance nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of any substantive provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision of this Ordinance be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable and as though not provided for herein and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SUPERSEDER.

All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.

A full, true and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form or in a newspaper published and of general circulation within the Village as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its passage and approval in accordance with Illinois law.

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PASSED this 6th day of January, 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

APPROVED by me this 6th day of January, 2026.

Jeff Walik, President

**ATTESTED AND FILED in my
office this 6th day of January, 2026.**

Mitch Milenkovic, Village Clerk