

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8
OF THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS:

SECTION ONE: That Section 8-524, Truancy Prohibited, in Chapter 8, Public Safety, Morals and Welfare, of the Arlington Heights Municipal Code is hereby deleted in its entirety and substituted with the following (the language being deleted is stricken and the language being added is highlighted):

~~**Section 8-524 Truancy Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 enrolled in a public, private or parochial school within the corporate limits of the Village of Arlington Heights to absent himself or herself from attendance at school without parental permission. Any person who shall so absent himself or herself shall be guilty of the offense of truancy and be subject to the penalties hereinafter set forth in this Chapter. Emergency or unforeseen absences due to illness or other causes beyond the control of the person so absenting himself or herself from school without parental permission shall not constitute truancy if permission for such absence has substantially been obtained from the parent and such permission is submitted in writing to the proper school authorities within 24 hours after such absence.~~

Section 8-524 Truancy Prohibited.

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person enrolled in grades 1 through 12 who:
 1. Is required by law to attend school; and/or
 2. Is subject to the compulsory attendance requirements of the Illinois School Code; and/or
 3. Is enrolled in a public, private or parochial school within the corporate limits of the Village, to absent himself or herself from attendance at school without parental or school permission. Any person who shall so absent himself or herself shall be guilty of the offense of truancy.
- b. It shall be unlawful for any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to be absent from school in violation of this Section, or who knowingly employs or harbors, while school is in session, any child absent from school in violation of this Section.
- c. No individual shall be cited under this Section until the school has fulfilled all of the steps required for truant students as set forth in applicable State law.
- d. Penalties for violations of this Section shall be in accordance with applicable State law.

SECTION TWO: The various provisions of this Ordinance are to be considered severable, and if any part or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance repeals all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof and, except as set forth in this Section, shall be in full force and affect from and after its passage, approval and publication in the manner provided by law.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of September, 2018.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

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