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Sec. 2-3-1 General Provisions.

- (a) **General Powers.** Officers shall have generally the powers and duties prescribed for like officers of towns and villages, except as otherwise provided, and such powers and duties as are prescribed by law and except as to the Village President, shall perform such duties as shall be required of him/her by the Village Board. Officers whose powers and duties are not enumerated in Chapter 61, Wis. Stats., shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed by law for like officers or as are directed by the Village Board.

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- (b) **Rules.** All officers and departments may make the necessary rules for the conduct of their duties and incidental proceedings, subject to prior approval by the Village Board.
- (c) **Applicability of Ethics Statutes.** The general laws for the punishment of bribery, misdemeanors and corruption in office shall apply to Village officers.
- (d) **Legal Representation.** Whenever a Village official in his/her official capacity is proceeded against or is obliged to proceed before any civil court, board or commission, to defend or maintain his/her official position, or because of some act arising out of the performance of his/her official duties, and he/she has prevailed in such proceedings, or the Village Board has ordered the proceedings discontinued, the Board may provide for payment to such official such sum as it sees fit, to reimburse him/her for the expenses reasonably incurred for costs and attorney's fees.

Sec. 2-3-2 Appointed Officials.

- (a) **Appointed Officials.** The Village officials hereinafter set forth shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the Village Board or as otherwise prescribed in this Code of Ordinances, and one (1) or more of said offices may be held by the same person. Persons appointed to perform the duties of the following offices shall hold office for an indefinite term, subject to removal as provided by Sec. 17.12(1)(c) and (d), Wis. Stats.:

Official	How Appointed	Term
Clerk-Treasurer	Majority vote of the Village Board	Indefinite
Building Inspector	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	By contract
Attorney	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	Pleasure of Board
Engineer (Consulting)	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	Pleasure of Board
Weed Commissioner	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	One Year

Constable	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	Pleasure of Board
Assessor	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	By contract
Director of Public Works	Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board	Indefinite

- (b) **Confirmation Votes.** All confirmation votes by the Village Board shall be by simple majority vote.
- (c) **Village President's Confirmation Vote Limited.** The Village President shall not vote on the confirmation of such appointments, except in case of a tie.

Sec. 2-3-3 Village Clerk-Treasurer.

- (a) **Offices and Appointment Not to Be Governed by Statutes.** Pursuant to Section 66.0101, Wis. Stats., the Village of Wausaukee hereby elects by this Charter Ordinance not to be governed by those portions of Sections 61.19, 61.25 and 61.26, Wis. Stats., which relate to the separate offices, selection and tenure provisions regarding the Offices of Village Clerk and Treasurer, and which are in conflict with this Section. The offices of Village Clerk and Village Treasurer are hereby consolidated and the duties of both offices shall be performed by the person appointed by majority vote of the Village Board as Village Clerk-Treasurer by the Village President.
- (b) **Term.** The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall hold office for an indefinite term, subject to removal as provided in Sec. 17.13, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Audits.** Annual audits may be made of the records of the Clerk-Treasurer with the audit to be made by a certified public accountant.
- (d) **Duties as Clerk.** In his/her capacity as Village Clerk, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall be responsible for performing those duties required by the Wisconsin Statutes and for the following additional duties:
- (1) Perform all election duties as required by Wisconsin Statute and keep and maintain all election records and all property used in conjunction with holding of elections;
 - (2) Publish or legally post all legal notices unless otherwise provided by law; file and preserve all contracts, bonds, oaths of office and other documents not required to be filed elsewhere;
 - (3) Issue all licenses required by ordinance or statute except as otherwise provided;

- (4) Attend meetings, take minutes and maintain files for the Village Board, and such other official boards, committees and commissions as may be directed;
 - (5) Maintain a file of all Village records, ordinances, resolutions and vouchers;
 - (6) Prepare and distribute reports for the Village Board and subunits thereof, and for federal and state agencies;
 - (7) Audit and obtain approval on claims charged against the Village;
 - (8) Assist the Assessor in maintaining property assessment records;
 - (9) Administer oaths and affirmations;
 - (10) Issue licenses in the Village pursuant to state law and Village ordinances;
 - (11) Develop and implement improved internal control and financial reporting procedures as necessary or as requested;
 - (12) File financial and other reports with various state agencies;
 - (13) Prepare and file insurance claims on behalf of the Village;
 - (14) Identify suppliers of goods and services and obtain quotes;
 - (15) Advertise for bids, receive them and summarize the results;
 - (16) Identify and evaluate ideas to achieve more efficient and effective operation;
 - (17) Coordinate, supervise and conduct elections;
 - (18) Confer with Village President, department heads and Village Board committees about projects and issues;
 - (19) Maintain personnel files under the direction of the Village Board; and
 - (20) Serve as secretary and treasurer of Village-operated utilities.
- (e) **Duties as Treasurer.** In his/her capacity as Village Treasurer, the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall be responsible for performing those duties required by the Wisconsin Statutes and for the following additional duties:
- (1) Prepare the tax roll and tax notices required by the State of Wisconsin;
 - (2) Prepare financial and bank statement;
 - (3) Maintain fiscal records for the Village;
 - (4) Coordinate the preparation and compilation of the annual Village budget;
 - (5) Make reports to the State on assessments;
 - (6) Prepare and send invoices for services provided by municipal utilities.
 - (7) Perform record keeping, billing, collections, banking, investments, accounting and financial reporting of all Village operations, including utilities;
 - (8) Collect all taxes for the Village and other taxing bodies;
 - (9) Invest idle funds for maximum interest earnings;
 - (10) Prepare monthly financial reports;
 - (11) Maintain payroll records and prepare payroll checks from approved employee time sheets;
 - (12) Prepare check vouchers for payment of approved claims for signature;
 - (13) Identify and evaluate ideas to achieve more efficient and effective municipal operations; and
 - (14) Perform such other duties as may be directed by the Village Board.

- (f) **Duties Prescribed by Law.** The Village Clerk-Treasurer shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Wisconsin Statutes, Village ordinances, Village resolutions, adopted Village policies and procedures, and as directed by the Village Board. The Village Clerk-Treasurer generally shall perform, under the general direction of the Village President or other presiding officer of the Village Board, all duties pertaining to his/her office of Clerk-Treasurer, and shall be responsible for all the official acts of assistants.
- (g) **Bond.** The acts of the Village Clerk-Treasurer shall be covered by an official bond in an amount as the Village Board may direct.

Note: This is a Charter Ordinance.

State Law Reference: Secs. 61.19, 61.25 and 61.26, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-4 (Reserved for Future Use.)

Sec. 2-3-5 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

Pursuant to Section 66.0101, Wis. Stats., the Village of Wausaukee elects by this Charter Ordinance not to be governed by the provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes pertaining to the selection, tenure and appointment of separate deputy clerks and deputy treasurers. The position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer is hereby created. The Village Clerk-Treasurer may appoint a Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, subject to confirmation by majority vote of the Village Board. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer shall have an indefinite term of office, subject to removal as provided in Sec. 17.13, Wis. Stats. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer shall act under the direction of the Village Clerk-Treasurer and, during the temporary absence or disability of the Clerk-Treasurer or during a vacancy in such office, shall perform the duties of the Village Clerk-Treasurer. The acts of the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer shall be covered by an official bond as the Village Board shall direct.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.261, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-6 Village Attorney.

- (a) **Appointment.** The Village Attorney is an appointed position. The Village Attorney shall be appointed pursuant to Section 2-3-2, except the Village Attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

- (b) **Duties.** The Village Attorney shall have the following duties:
- (1) The Village Attorney shall conduct all of the legal business in which the Village is interested.
 - (2) The Village Attorney shall, when requested by Village officers, give written legal opinions, which shall be filed with the Village.
 - (3) The Village Attorney shall draft ordinances, bonds and other instruments as may be required by Village officers.
 - (4) The Village Attorney may appoint an assistant, who shall have power to perform his/her duties and for whose acts he/she shall be responsible to the Village. Such assistant shall receive no compensation from the Village, unless previously provided by ordinance.
 - (5) The Village Board may employ and compensate special counsel to assist in or take charge of any matter in which the Village is interested.
 - (6) The Village Attorney shall perform such other duties as provided by State law and as designated by the Village Board.

Sec. 2-3-7 Village Constable

- (a) **Position Established.**
- (1) Pursuant to Sec. 61.29, Wis. Stats., the position of Village Constable for the Village of Wausaukee is hereby established. The Village of Wausaukee elects not to be governed by those portions of Secs. 61.195 and 61.197, Wis. Stats., relating to the selection and tenure of a Village Constable. The position of Village Marshal under Sec. 61.28, Wis. Stats., is hereby abolished.
 - (2) The position of Village Constable is part-time and shall be filled by appointment by a majority of members of the Village Board for an indefinite term per Section 2-3-2, subject to removal by majority vote of the Village Board. Working hours and terms of employment shall be as determined by contract with the Village Board.
 - (3) Upon appointment, the Village Constable shall execute and file an official bond in an amount determined by the Village Board.
- (b) **Qualifications.** The Village Constable shall:
- (1) Meet the definition of a law enforcement officer as prescribed by Sec. 165.85(2)(c), Wis. Stats.;
 - (2) Comply with the minimum employment standards for law enforcement officers established by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board;
 - (3) Be subject to the limitations regarding constables collecting fees as prescribed in Sec. 60.351, Wis. Stats.; and
 - (4) Complete the training required under Sec. 165.85(4)(a)1.
- (c) **General Duties.** The Village Constable shall perform the following duties:
- (1) Perform the duties of a law enforcement officer;
 - (2) Attend any municipal or circuit court session when required to do so in the course of his/her duties;

- (3) Enforce and cause to be prosecuted violations of state law or local ordinances;
- (4) Perform any additional duties as directed by the Village Board;
- (5) Conduct such investigations and inspections as may be necessary in the course of enforcing the ordinances of the Village of Wausaukee and obtaining special inspection warrants therefor when necessary and when required by law;
- (6) Assist other officials and employees of the Village of Wausaukee upon request when such assistance is required to enforce the ordinances of the Village; and
- (7) Serve within his/her county any writ, process, order or notice, and execute any order, warrant or execution lawfully directed to or required by any court or officer to be executed by the Constable.

State Law Reference: Secs. 60.351, 61.29 and 165.85, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-8 Fire Chief.

- (a) **Appointment.** The Fire Chief shall be appointed pursuant to the bylaws of the Wausaukee Fire District. The Fire Chief shall be the Village Fire Inspector by virtue of his/her office; such duties may be delegated.
- (b) **Powers and Duties of Chief.**
 - (1) The Chief shall have general supervision of the District, subject to the bylaws of the District and shall be responsible for the personnel and general efficiency of the District.
 - (2) It shall be the duty of the Chief or ranking officer of the District to be present at all fires, to have complete command of and entire responsibility for all firefighting operations, to plan the control of the same, to direct the action of the company when they arrive at a fire, to observe that the District does its duty, to grant leaves of absence at a fire when he/she may deem it proper and to see that the fire apparatus is kept in proper condition at all times.
 - (3) The Fire Chief shall enforce all fire prevention ordinances of this Village and state laws and regulations pertaining to fire prevention and shall keep citizens informed on fire prevention methods and on the activities of the District.

Cross Reference: Title 5, Chapter 2.

Sec. 2-3-9 Weed Commissioner.

The Weed Commissioner shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to Village Board confirmation. The term of office of the Weed Commissioner shall commence on the first day

of May following his/her appointment. The Weed Commissioner shall take the official oath, which oath shall be filed in the Office of the Village Clerk and shall hold office for one year. The Weed Commissioner shall hold office pursuant to and fulfill the duties set out in state law.

State Law Reference: Secs. 66.0407 and 66.0517, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-10 Street Supervisor.

- (a) **Appointment.** The Street Supervisor shall be appointed pursuant to Section 2-3-2. Generally, the Village Board shall maintain, service, inspect and/or repair all Village public works equipment, and property including street equipment, streets and street right-of-way, Village parks, Village buildings and other items as determined by the Village Board.
- (b) **Duties and Powers.** The Street Supervisor shall have the following duties and powers:
 - (1) **General Duties.**
 - a. He/she shall have general charge and supervision of certain public works in the Village, including Village sewer and water utilities.
 - b. He/she shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and construction of parks, streets, alleys, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, bridges, street signs, Village buildings and structures and all related machinery, equipment and property used in such activity.
 - c. He/she shall have charge of certain public services, including snow and ice removal, street cleaning, flushing, water and sewer services, and street maintenance.
 - d. He/she shall perform such other activities and duties, as are imposed upon him/her from time to time by the Village Board, his/her job description or employment contract.
 - (2) **Maintain, Clean and Repair Streets and Roads.** The Street Supervisor shall:
 - a. Plow and remove snow as needed.
 - b. Clean and sweep streets.
 - c. Repair streets and roads with proper materials as needed.
 - d. Mow grass as needed.
 - e. Assess street repair and replacement needs as directed by the Village Board.
 - (3) **Maintain Village Buildings and Equipment.** The Street Supervisor shall:
 - a. Clean, maintain, paint and service Village buildings as needed and as directed by the Village Board.
 - b. Keep buildings in safe condition to meet all state and local building and safety code requirements.
 - c. Maintain and service all Village vehicles and machinery as needed and as directed by the Village Board.

Sec. 2-3-11 Assessor.

- (a) **Statutes Not to Govern.** Pursuant to Sections 61.195, 61.197 and 66.0101, Wis. Stats., the Village of Wausaukee hereby elects not to be governed by those portions of Sections 61.19 and 61.23, Wis. Stats., which relate to the selection and tenure of the Village Assessor, and which are in conflict with this Section.
- (b) **Appointment.** Instead of being elected, the Assessor or assessing firm, shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the members-elect of the Village Board. Said person so appointed to perform the duties of such office shall have a one (1) year term and shall serve as determined by contract. A corporation or an independent contractor may be appointed as the Village Assessor. The corporation or independent contractor so appointed shall designate the person responsible for the assessment. The designee shall file the official oath under Sec. 19.01, Wis. Stats., and sign the affidavit of the Assessor attached to the assessment roll under Sec. 70.49, Wis. Stats. No person may be designated by any corporation or independent contractor unless he/she has been granted the appropriate certification under Sec. 73.09, Wis. Stats. For purposes of this Subsection, "independent contractor" means a person who either is under contract to furnish appraisal and assessment services or is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, business or profession in which the services are offered to the general public.

State Law Reference: Public Official's oaths and bonds, Sec. 19.01, Wis. Stats.; corporation as assessor, Sections 61.197 and 61.27, Wis. Stats.; affidavit of assessor, Sec. 70.49, Wis. Stats.; assessor certification, Sec. 73.02, Wis. Stats.; assessors in cities, Sec. 70.05, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-12 Building Inspector; Plumbing Inspector; Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Inspector; Electrical Inspector.

- (a) **Appointment.**
- (1) Inspectors shall be appointed pursuant to Section 2-3-2. The Village of Wausaukee may select the services of an inspection firm or independent contractor.
- (2) Each inspector shall:
- Possess such executive ability as is requisite for the performance of his/her duties and shall have a thorough knowledge of the standard materials and methods used in the installation of equipment in his/her area of responsibility;
 - Be well versed in approved methods of construction for safety to persons and property, the Statutes of the State of Wisconsin relating to work in his/her area of responsibility, and any orders, rules and regulations issued by authority thereof;

- c. Have sufficient experience in the installation of equipment to enable him/her to understand and apply the appropriate codes adopted by the Village of Wausaukee.
 - d. Be certified in his/her area of inspection responsibilities.
- (b) **Authority to Enter Premises; Appeals.**
 - (1) In the discharge of their respective duties, each Inspector under this Section or his/her authorized agent may enter any building, upon presentation of the proper credentials, during reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection and may require the production of any permit or license required hereunder. No person shall interfere with the Inspector or his/her authorized agent while in the performance of his/her duties; and any person so interfering shall be in violation of this Section and subject to a penalty as provided by Section 1-1-6.
 - (2) If consent to entry to personal or real properties which are not public buildings or to portions of public buildings which are not open to the public for inspection purposes has been denied, the Inspector shall obtain a special inspection warrant under Sec. 66.0119, Wis. Stats.
 - (3) Any person feeling himself/herself aggrieved by any order or ruling of an Inspector may, within twenty (20) days thereafter, appeal from such order or ruling to the Zoning Board of Appeals, as established in the Zoning Code, such an appeal to be in writing.
- (c) **Duties and Authority.** The Building Inspector shall have such responsibilities as are prescribed in this Section and Title 15 of this Code of Ordinances.
- (d) **Stop Work Orders and Revocations.** The Building Inspector may order construction, installation, alteration or repair work stopped when such work is being done in violation of this Code of Ordinances. Work so stopped shall not be resumed, except with written permission of the Inspector, provided if the stop work order is an oral one it shall be followed by a written order within a reasonable period of time.
- (e) **Conflict of Interest.** No Inspector shall inspect any construction work in the Village in which the Inspector has a personal or financial interest either direct or indirect.

Sec. 2-3-13 Health Officer.

- (a) **Selection.** The Village President shall appoint a Health Officer, subject to confirmation by the Village Board. Such Health Officer shall be a physician or, in lieu thereof, a person with training and experience in public health administration which shall meet training and experience requirements established by the State Department of Health and Social Services. If the Health Officer is not a physician, the Village Board shall arrange for and provide in addition such services of a physician as may be necessary on either a part-time or full-time basis and provide reasonable compensation therefor. The Health Officer shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

- (b) **Vacancy.** If a vacancy in the position of Health Officer occurs, the Village President shall immediately fill the position.
- (c) **Responsibilities.**
 - (1) The Health Officer shall provide such additional rules and regulations as are necessary for the preservation of health, to prevent the spread of communicable diseases and to cause the removal of all objects detrimental to health and to enforce the health laws. All proposed rules and regulations shall be reported to the Village Board by the Health Officer, and if the Board approves the same by a vote of a majority of its members, they shall have the force and effect of ordinances, including penalty for violation.
 - (2) The Health Officer shall, from time to time, recommend to the Village Board such sanitary measures to be executed by the Village as seem necessary, and shall discharge such other duties as may be imposed upon him/her by the Board by ordinance or resolution.

State Law Reference: Sec. 141.015, Wis. Stats., HSS 139.05, Wis. Adm. Code

Sec. 2-3-14 Park and Recreation Superintendent.

- (a) **Appointment.** The Park and Recreation Superintendent shall be appointed by the Village President, subject to confirmation by the Village Board.
- (b) **Duties.** The Park and Recreation Superintendent shall:
 - (1) Plan, direct and schedule a program of summer and winter recreational activities for various segments, groups, age and interest levels of the community;
 - (2) Administer the Village parks and recreational facilities;
 - (3) Interview and select personnel for seasonal recreation jobs;
 - (4) Coordinate use of facilities for classes and recreational activities;
 - (5) Prepare and control operating budgets for all recreation programs;
 - (6) Direct the operation of the playgrounds, ball parks and other facilities;
 - (7) Participate in the preparation of facilities and playing fields for recreational use;
 - (8) Perform such other duties as may be directed by the Village Board.

Sec. 2-3-15 Eligibility for Office.

- (a) No person shall be elected by the people to a Village office, who is not at the time of his/her election, a citizen of the United States and of this State, and an elector of the Village of Wausaukee, and in case of a ward office, of the ward, and actually residing therein.

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- (b) An appointee by the Village President, requiring to be confirmed by the Village Board, who shall be rejected by the Board, shall be ineligible for appointment to the same office for one (1) year thereafter.

State Law Reference: Sec. 62.09(2), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-16 Oaths of Office.

- (a) **Oath of Office.** Every officer of the Village of Wausaukee, including members of Village boards and commissions, shall, before entering upon his/her duties and within five (5) days of his/her election or appointment or notice thereof, take the oath of office prescribed by law and file such oath in the office of the Village Clerk. Any person reelected or reappointed to the same office shall take and file an official oath for each term of service.
- (b) **Form, Procedure.** The form, filing and general procedure for the taking of oaths shall be governed by Chapter 19, Subchapter I, Wis. Stats.

State Law Reference: Chapter 19, Subch. I, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-17 Vacancies.

- (a) **How Occurring.** Except as provided in Subsection (c) below, vacancies in elective and appointive positions occur as provided in Sections 17.03 and 17.035, Wis. Stats.
- (b) **How Filled.** Vacancies in elective and appointive offices shall be filled as provided in Sec. 17.24, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Temporary Incapacitation.** If any officer be absent or temporarily incapacitated from any cause, the Village Board may appoint some person to discharge his/her duties until he/she returns or until such disability is removed.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.23, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-18 Removal from Office.

- (a) **Elected Officials.** Elected officials may be removed by the Village Board as provided in Sections 17.12(1)(a) and 17.16, Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Appointed Officials.** Appointed officials may be removed as provided in Sections 17.12(1)(c) and 17.16, Wis. Stats.

Annotation: 62 Atty. Gen. Op. 97.

Sec. 2-3-19 Custody of Official Property.

Village officers must observe the standards of care imposed by Sec. 19.21, Wis. Stats., with respect to the care and custody of official property.

State Law Reference: Sec. 19.21, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-3-20 Official Bonds; Officers Not to Be Sureties.

Every officer shall, if required by law or the Village Board, upon entering upon the duties of his/her office, give a bond in such amount as may be determined by the Village Board with such sureties as are approved by the Village President, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his/her office. Official bonds shall be filed with the office of the Village Clerk. Any person re-elected or re-appointed to the same office shall take and file an official bond for each term of service.

State Law Reference: Sec. 61.22, Wis. Stats.

