



OFFICE OF KIM TRUEBLOOD  
COUNTY CLERK  
MARATHON COUNTY



*Marathon County Mission Statement: Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.*

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING **AMENDED** AGENDA

THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, composed of thirty-eight (38) members, will convene at the Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following matters:

**The meeting will also be broadcast on Public Access or at <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>**

A. OPENING OF SESSION:

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gibbs at 7:00 p.m., the agenda being duly signed and posted
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Followed by a Moment of Silence/Reflection
3. Reading of Notice
4. Request for silencing of cellphones and other electronic devices
5. Roll Call
6. Acknowledgment of visitors

B. EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

7. Standing Committee Chairpersons or Designees

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Approval of minutes from the December 14, 2023 meeting
9. Referral of bills and communications to respective committees
10. Authorizing the Clerk to issue orders, bills, and claims from the last session through this session
11. Appointments:
  - a. 2024 Emergency Fire Wardens - Denise Montgomery (Town of Bevent), Jerry & Jodi Bloch (Village of Athens), Jeff Khyos (Town of Mosinee)
12. Ordinances:
  - a. Town of Green Valley Rezone – Keith Baxter for Clara Miller #O-1-24
  - b. Town of Guenther Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Paul and Carrie Simonis #O-2-24
  - c. Town of Spencer Rezone – Tim Vreeland for Steve Banks #O-3-24
  - d. Amendments to Chapter 19 of Marathon County General Code #O-4-24

RESOLUTIONS:

D. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, **HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE** & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

13. To Allocate Up To \$50,000.00 of Marathon County's Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds for Purposes of Conducting a Gap Analysis of Continuum of Care for Treatment and Recovery in Marathon County #R-1-24

E. HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

14. 2024 Budget Transfer for Marathon County - Women United Impact Grant #R-2-24

F. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

15. Resolution Expressing Support for Wisconsin SB 877 and AB 940 to Address Recent Loss of Federal Funding #R-3-24

G. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

16. Announcements and / or Requests

17. Motion to Adjourn

WITNESS: My signature this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2024

Kim Trueblood  
Marathon County Clerk

NOTE: The next meeting of the County Board will be the Educational Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse.

NOTICE PROVIDED TO: County Board Members  
Marathon County Departments  
News Media  
Posted on County Website: [marathoncounty.gov](http://marathoncounty.gov)

*Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or email [countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us) one business day before the meeting.*



December 18, 2023

Kim Trueblood, County Clerk  
Marathon County Courthouse  
500 Forest Street  
Wausau, WI 54403

Dear Kim:

Enclosed you will find two (2) copies of the Marathon County Emergency Fire Warden list. For an online database of Emergency Fire Wardens located at businesses go to [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) entering keyword "fire warden".

In accordance with Section 26.12(3) and Section 26.14(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, we recommend these individuals to act as authorized Emergency Fire Wardens for the prevention and suppression of forest fires in Marathon County for the 2024 calendar year.

If these people have the county board's approval, may we request that the chairperson sign both copies and return one (1) copy to this office at your earliest convenience.

If easier, you can scan and email it to [mark.conkey@wisconsin.gov](mailto:mark.conkey@wisconsin.gov)

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark".

Mark Conkey  
Forestry Staff Specialist  
8831 Hatchery Road  
Woodruff WI 54568  
715-892-6491

Encl. Emergency Fire Warden List 2024

**Emergency Fire Wardens  
Marathon County  
2024**

**Town of Bevent**

Denise Montgomery

Plover River Outpost, 209710 Store Lane, Hatley, WI 54440

**Town of Hamburg**


Jerry and Jodi Bloch

Eddy's Bar, 14550 Hwy S, Athens, WI 54411

**Town of Mosinee**

Jeff Khyos

Charlie's Hardware, 504 W. Hwy 153, Mosinee, WI 54455

BY:   
Joe Schwantes, Area Forestry Leader

Date: 12/18/2023

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Marathon County Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE # O - \_\_\_\_\_-24

Town of Green Valley Rezone

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Keith Baxter on behalf of Clara Miller to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential located in part of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 5 East, Town of Green Valley. The area to be rezoned to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #030-2605-103-0995.

WHEREAS, the petition was referred to the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (the Committee) for public hearing; and


WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing thereon, pursuant to Section 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes on January 5, 2024 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and


WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of Green Valley hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jacob Langenhahn, Chair


  
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Allen Drabek, Vice Chair

  
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Rick Seefeldt

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David Oberbeck

  
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Mike Ritter

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Andrew Venzke

  
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Tony Sherfinski

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Kim Ungerer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kurt Gibbs – Marathon County Board Chair

Dated this 5th day of January, 2024

# CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

## MARATHON COUNTY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4  
OF SECTION 10. TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST,  
TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

**VREELAND ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
**LAND SURVEYORS & ENGINEERS**  
6103 DAWN STREET WESTON, WI. 54476  
PH (715) 241-0947 tim@vreelandassociates.us

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PREPARED FOR: **KEITH BAXTER**

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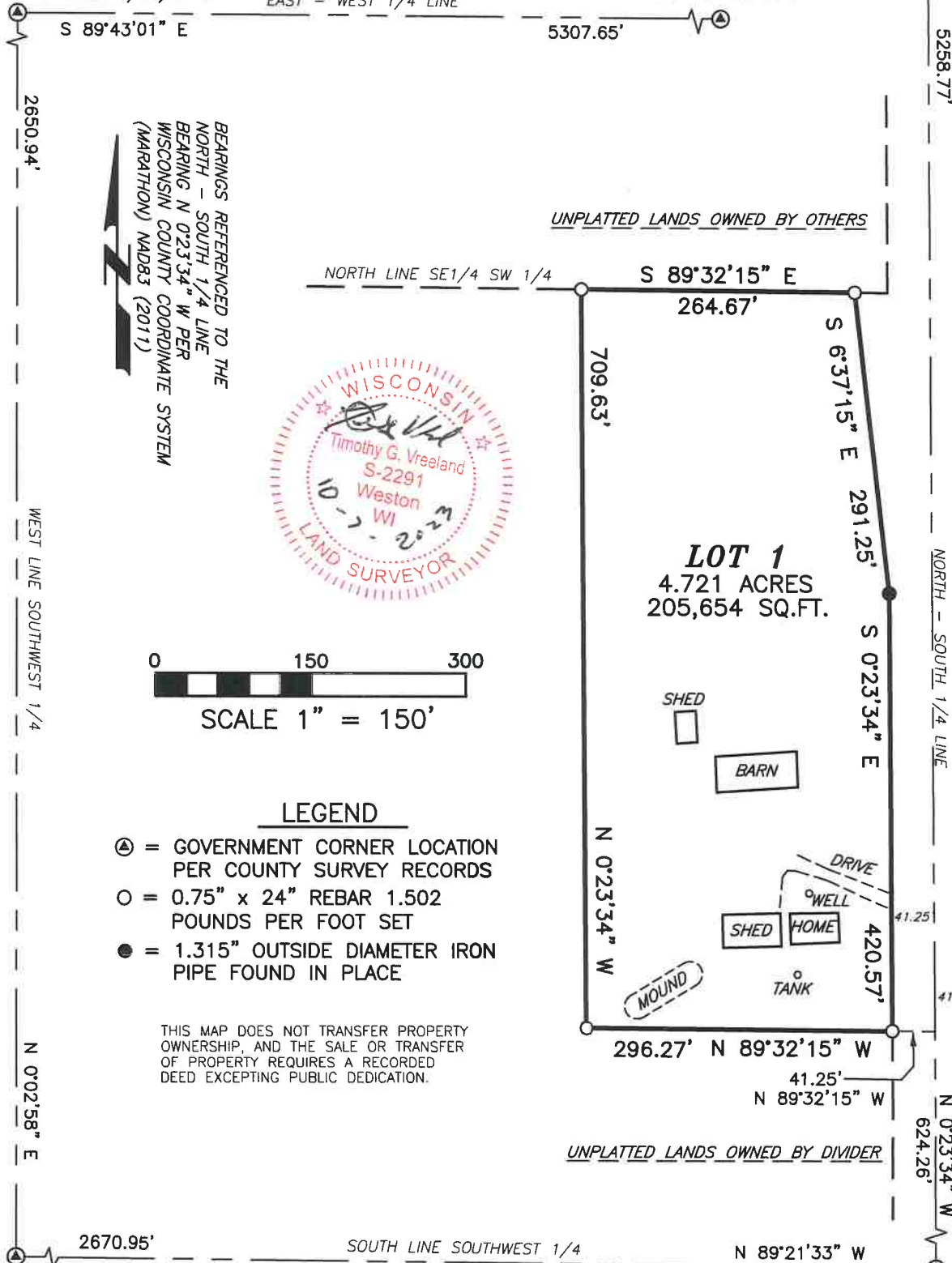
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DRAFTED AND DRAWN BY: TIMOTHY G. VREELAND

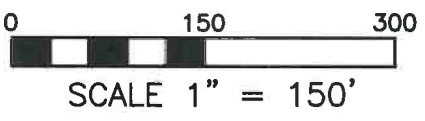
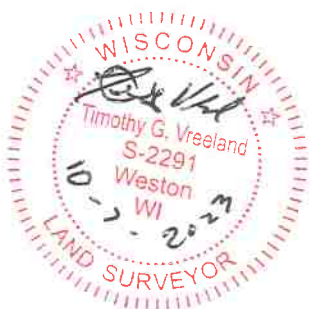
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SECTION 10-26-5 EAST  
LOCATION CALCULATED FROM  
SUMMARY BY S-2954 6/29/2018

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LOCATION CALCULATED FROM  
SUMMARY BY S-2954 6/29/2018

NORTH 1/4 CORNER  
SECTION 10-26-5 EAST  
EXISTING SMP SPIKE



BEARINGS REFERENCED TO THE  
NORTH - SOUTH 1/4 LINE  
BEARING N 0°23'34\" W PER  
WISCONSIN COUNTY COORDINATE SYSTEM  
(MARATHON) MAD83 (2011)



- LEGEND**
- ⊕ = GOVERNMENT CORNER LOCATION PER COUNTY SURVEY RECORDS
  - = 0.75" x 24" REBAR 1.502 POUNDS PER FOOT SET
  - = 1.315" OUTSIDE DIAMETER IRON PIPE FOUND IN PLACE

THIS MAP DOES NOT TRANSFER PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, AND THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF PROPERTY REQUIRES A RECORDED DEED EXCEPTING PUBLIC DEDICATION.

SOUTHWEST CORNER  
SECTION 10-26-5 EAST  
EXISTING SMP SPIKE

SOUTH 1/4 CORNER  
SECTION 10-26-5 EAST  
EXISTING SMP SPIKE

# CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 10. TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

SHEET 2 OF 2 SHEETS

## SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, TIMOTHY G. VREELAND, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT THE DIRECTION OF KEITH BAXTER, I SURVEYED, MAPPED AND DIVIDED THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 10. TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 10; THENCE N 0°23'34" W ALONG THE NORTH – SOUTH 1/4 LINE 624.26 FEET; THENCE N 89°32'15" W 41.25 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "S" AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING N 89°32'15" W 296.27 FEET; THENCE N 0°23'34" W 709.63 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4; THENCE S 89°32'15" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 264.67 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "S"; THENCE S 6°37'15" E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "S" 291.25 FEET; THENCE S 0°23'34" E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "S" 420.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD AND USE.

THAT SUCH MAP IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF ALL EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND SURVEYED AND THE DIVISION AND THE CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP THEREOF MADE.

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH SECTION 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES IN SURVEYING, MAPPING AND DIVIDING THE LANDS, CHAPTER A–E 7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND THE LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE OF MARATHON COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY, ALL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.



DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023  
SURVEY PERFORMED OCTOBER 4TH, 2023

TIMOTHY G. VREELAND P.L.S. 2291

APPROVED FOR RECORDING UNDER  
THE TERMS OF THE MARATHON  
COUNTY LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS.

BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION,  
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT.  
CPZ TRACKING NO \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
MARATHON COUNTY )  
TOWN OF GREEN VALLEY )

**RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, Dana Solinsky, Clerk of the Town of Green Valley, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Green Valley Town Board at a meeting held on the 12 day of December, 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(e)3., Wisconsin Statutes, provides that if a town affected by a proposed amendment disapproves of the proposed amendment, the town board may file a certified copy of a resolution adopted by such board disapproving of the petition with the Environmental Resources Committee prior to, at or within ten (10) days after the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, if the town board of the town affected in the case of an ordinance relating to the location of boundaries of districts files such a resolution, the Environmental Resources Committee may not recommend to the County Board approval of the petition without change, but may only recommend approval with change or recommend disapproval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Green Valley Town Board considered on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, petition of Keith Baxter on behalf of Clara Miller to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential located in part of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 5 East, Town of Green Valley. The area to be rezoned to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 1 of the preliminary CSM. Parent Parcel #030-2605-103-0995.

The Town of Green Valley hereby has considered the following standards for rezoning above property *(use additional sheets if necessary)*:

- 1) **Has the applicant provided what public facilities and/or services currently serve the proposed development, what additional services may be required, and how the additional services will be provided?**

No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) **Has the applicant demonstrated how the provision of the public facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to local government?**

No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) **Has the applicant determined that the land is suitable for the development proposed? Explain.**

No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) **Has the applicant demonstrated what will have to be done so the development will not cause unreasonable air and water pollution, soil erosion, or adverse effects on rare or irreplaceable natural areas? Explain.**

No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- 5) **Is there any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area?**

No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

(OVER)



- 6) Has the applicant demonstrated the need for the proposed development at this location? Explain.  
 No     Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Has the applicant demonstrated the availability of alternative locations? Be specific  
 No     Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Is cropland is being consumed by this zone change? What is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved?  
 No     Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Has the applicant explained how the proposed development will be located to minimize the amount of agricultural land converted?  
 No     Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Is proposed rezone request consistent with the town's adopted Comprehensive Plan? Explain.  
 No     Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Is there anything else the Town wishes to present or comment on regarding this application to the Marathon County Environmental Resources (ERC) Committee?  
 No     Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

The Town of Green Valley recommends  **Approval**     **Disapproval**    of the amendment and/or zone change.

OR  **Requests an Extension\*** for the following reasons: Need to provide access  
plan on accessing the farmlands

\*Wis. Stats §59.69(5)(e), (3), and (3m) authorizes Towns to extend the time to disapprove a zone change for a total of thirty (30) days beyond the date of the public hearing. The extension must be by Town Board Resolution and remains in effect until the Town Board adopts a resolution rescinding the extension.

Approved! 12-12-2023

Board was initially concerned with driveway access to field.

Clerk Don Dolinsky  
Town Board Philip Offer  
Nitch Maguire  
James Mueller

NOTE: If you recommend disapproval of this request, please make every effort to send a representative to the Environmental Resources Committee Public Hearing. Town input at the hearing is always appreciated. Please return this form before November 24, 2023 to:

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department  
210 River Drive  
Wausau, WI 54403

ORDINANCE # O - \_\_\_\_\_-24

Town of Guenther Rezone

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Tim Vreeland on behalf of Paul and Carrie Simonis to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential described as part of Lot 3 of CSM 10167-41-190, located in the Southwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 29, Township 26 North, Range 8 East, Town of Guenther. Parent Parcel #032-2608-294-0994.

WHEREAS, the petition was referred to the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (the Committee) for public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing thereon, pursuant to Section 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes on January 5, 2024 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and

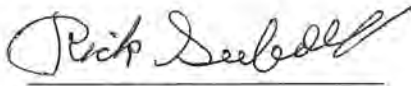
WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of Guenther hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.

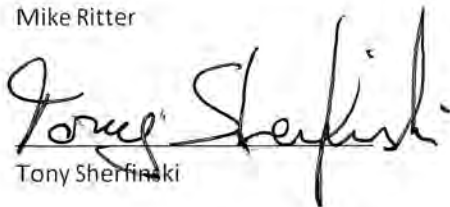
Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE


  
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Jacob Langenhahn, Chair

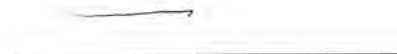
  
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Andrew Venzke

  
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Kim Ungerer

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Kurt Gibbs – Marathon County Board Chair

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
MARATHON COUNTY )  
TOWN OF GUENTHER )

**RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, Patricia Suchon, Clerk of the Town of Guenther, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Guenther Town Board at a meeting held on the 9 day of October, 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(e)3., Wisconsin Statutes, provides that if a town affected by a proposed amendment disapproves of the proposed amendment, the town board may file a certified copy of a resolution adopted by such board disapproving of the petition with the Environmental Resources Committee prior to, at or within ten (10) days after the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, if the town board of the town affected in the case of an ordinance relating to the location of boundaries of districts files such a resolution, the Environmental Resources Committee may not recommend to the County Board approval of the petition without change, but may only recommend approval with change or recommend disapproval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Guenther Town Board considered on the 9th day of October, 2023, the petition of Tim Vreeland on behalf of Paul and Carrie Simonis to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential described as part of Lot 3 of CSM 10167-41-190, located in the Southwest ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 29, Township 26 North, Range 8 East, Town of Guenther. Parent Parcel #032-2608-294-0994.

The Town of Guenther hereby has considered the following standards for rezoning above property (use additional sheets if necessary):

- 1) **Has the applicant provided what public facilities and/or services currently serve the proposed development, what additional services may be required, and how the additional services will be provided?**

No  Yes Explain: undeveloped land

- 2) **Has the applicant demonstrated how the provision of the public facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to local government?**

No  Yes Explain: NIA

- 3) **Has the applicant determined that the land is suitable for the development proposed? Explain.**

No  Yes Explain: Surveyed

- 4) **Has the applicant demonstrated what will have to be done so the development will not cause unreasonable air and water pollution, soil erosion, or adverse effects on rare or irreplaceable natural areas? Explain.**

No  Yes Explain: NA

- 5) **Is there any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area?**

No  Yes Explain: NA

- 6) **Has the applicant demonstrated the need for the proposed development at this location? Explain.**

(OVER)

No  Yes Explain: New Construction

7) Has the applicant demonstrated the availability of alternative locations? Be specific  
 No  Yes Explain: NA

8) Is cropland is being consumed by this zone change? What is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved?  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

9) Has the applicant explained how the proposed development will be located to minimize the amount of agricultural land converted?  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10) Is proposed rezone request consistent with the town's adopted Comprehensive Plan? Explain.  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

11) Is there anything else the Town wishes to present or comment on regarding this application to the Marathon County Environmental Resources (ERC) Committee?  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

The Town of Guenther recommends:  **Approval**  **Disapproval** of the amendment and/or zone change.

**OR**  **Requests an Extension\*** for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk Patricia A. Suchon  
Town Board Spencer E. Goyert  
Joseph M. Wiers  
Stanislaw Cisowski

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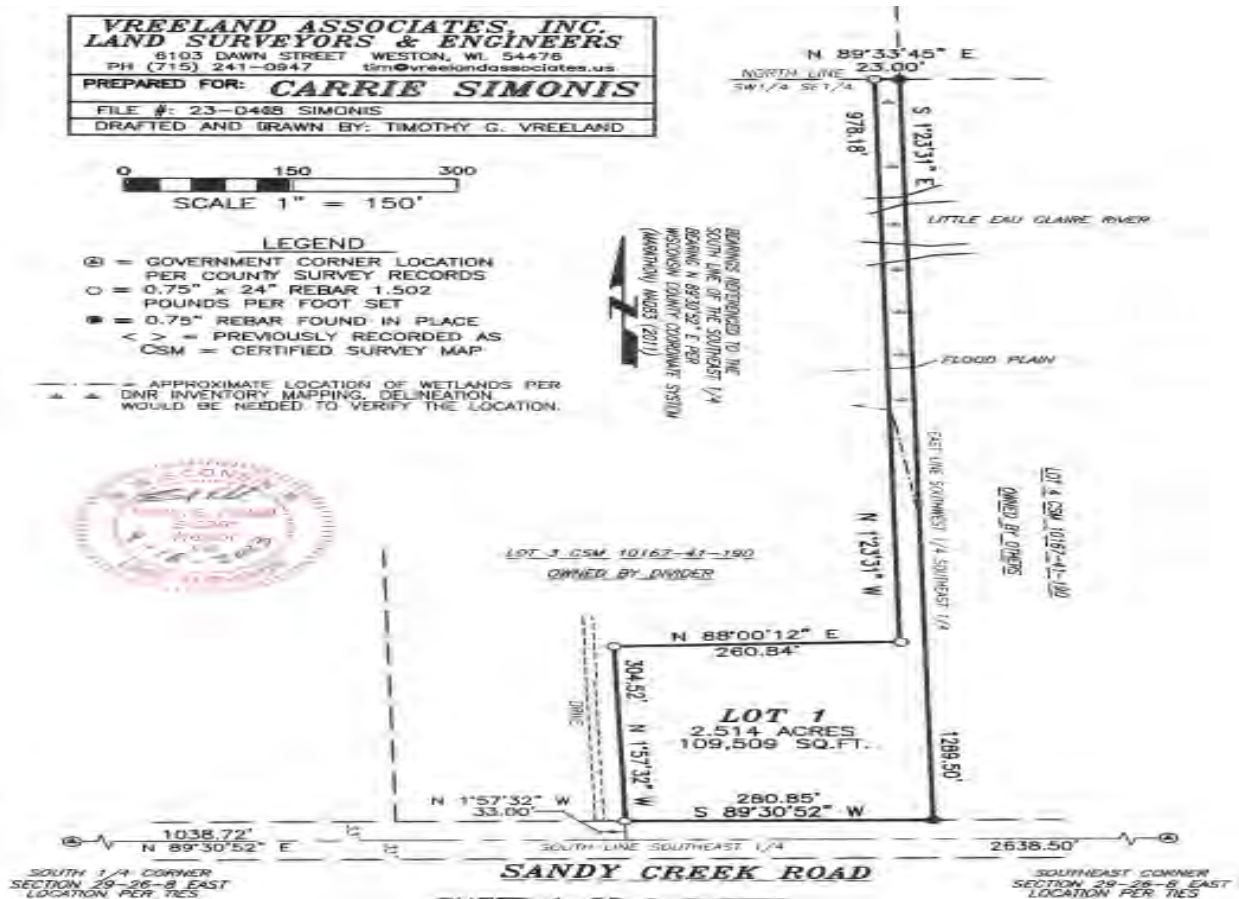
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Wausau, WI 54403

**RECEIVED**  
**OCT 19 2023**  
MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION,  
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT.

# Chapter 17 Land Division Requirements (Flag Lots)

## Section 17.202.03(F)

“Minimum Frontage (Flag Lots). Minimum frontage on an existing street shall be 66 feet when it is determined by the administrator, that obtaining the required frontage per Table 2 established by zoning district is not feasible or requiring such frontage would be unnecessary burdensome. Taking into consideration lot arrangement and configuration, environmental conditions, pre-existing structures, and the intent of the land division and/or development.”



\*\*\*This proposed land division does NOT meet the definition of a flag lot.



**Legal Flag Lot:** This is a legal flag lot created based on the differing uses. The house is not part of the farm, so it is separated from the field. The road frontage meets the minimum requirement of 66 ft.



**Legal Flag Lot:** This is a legal flag lot based on gaining road access to a land locked parcel. It meets the road frontage requirement of 66 ft.



**Legal Lot:** This is **NOT** defined as a flag lot. The new parcel meets the road frontage requirement of 100 ft for the Rural Residential zoning district.





**Legal Lot:** This is **NOT** defined as a flag lot. This parcel meets the road frontage requirement of 200 ft for the General Agriculture zoning district. It also meets the lot width requirement of 200 ft for the buildable areas.

**From:** [Garrett Pagel](#)  
**To:** [Shad Harvey](#); [Laurie Miskimins](#); [Nicole Delonay](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Question Regarding Simonis Rezone Resolution  
**Date:** Friday, December 15, 2023 10:19:06 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image006.jpg](#)  
[image002.jpg](#)

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Hello,

I received this response from the Town of Guenther regarding question #5 of their town resolution for Simonis. I saved it in their folder.



**Garrett Pagel**

Land Use Specialist  
Department of Conservation, Planning &  
Zoning

**Phone** 715-261-6039

**Email** [garrett.pagel@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:garrett.pagel@co.marathon.wi.us)

210 River Drive, Wausau WI 54403

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**From:** Town of Guenther <togclerk@mtc.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 15, 2023 10:05 AM  
**To:** Garrett Pagel <Garrett.Pagel@co.marathon.wi.us>  
**Cc:** Shad Harvey <Shad.Harvey@co.marathon.wi.us>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Question Regarding Simonis Rezone Resolution

Hello

In answer to the question

Is there any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area?

No, there is not any known potential conflict. Child is buying the home and land, neighboring land is agriculture.

Patricia Suchon  
Town of Guenther, Clerk  
202797 Glen Road  
Mosinee, WI 54455

715-212-2782



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**From:** Garrett Pagel <[Garrett.Pagel@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:Garrett.Pagel@co.marathon.wi.us)>

**Sent:** Friday, December 15, 2023 9:19 AM

**To:** [togclerk@mtc.net](mailto:togclerk@mtc.net)

**Cc:** Shad Harvey <[Shad.Harvey@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:Shad.Harvey@co.marathon.wi.us)>

**Subject:** Question Regarding Simonis Rezone Resolution

Good Morning,

At last night's County Board Meeting, the rezone petition for Paul and Cariie Simonis was removed from the consent agenda and sent back to the Environmental Resources Committee due to what they believed was an incomplete answer to question #5 of the Town Resolution. Please see the question below and provide your answer. Please let you know if there are any questions.

5) Is there any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area?

Yes or No? Please explain.



**Garrett Pagel**

Land Use Specialist  
Department of Conservation, Planning &  
Zoning

**Phone** 715-261-6039

**Email** [garrett.pagel@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:garrett.pagel@co.marathon.wi.us)

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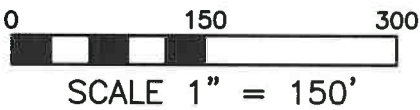
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# CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

MARATHON COUNTY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PART OF LOT 3 OF CSM 10167-41-190, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TOWN OF GUENTHER, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

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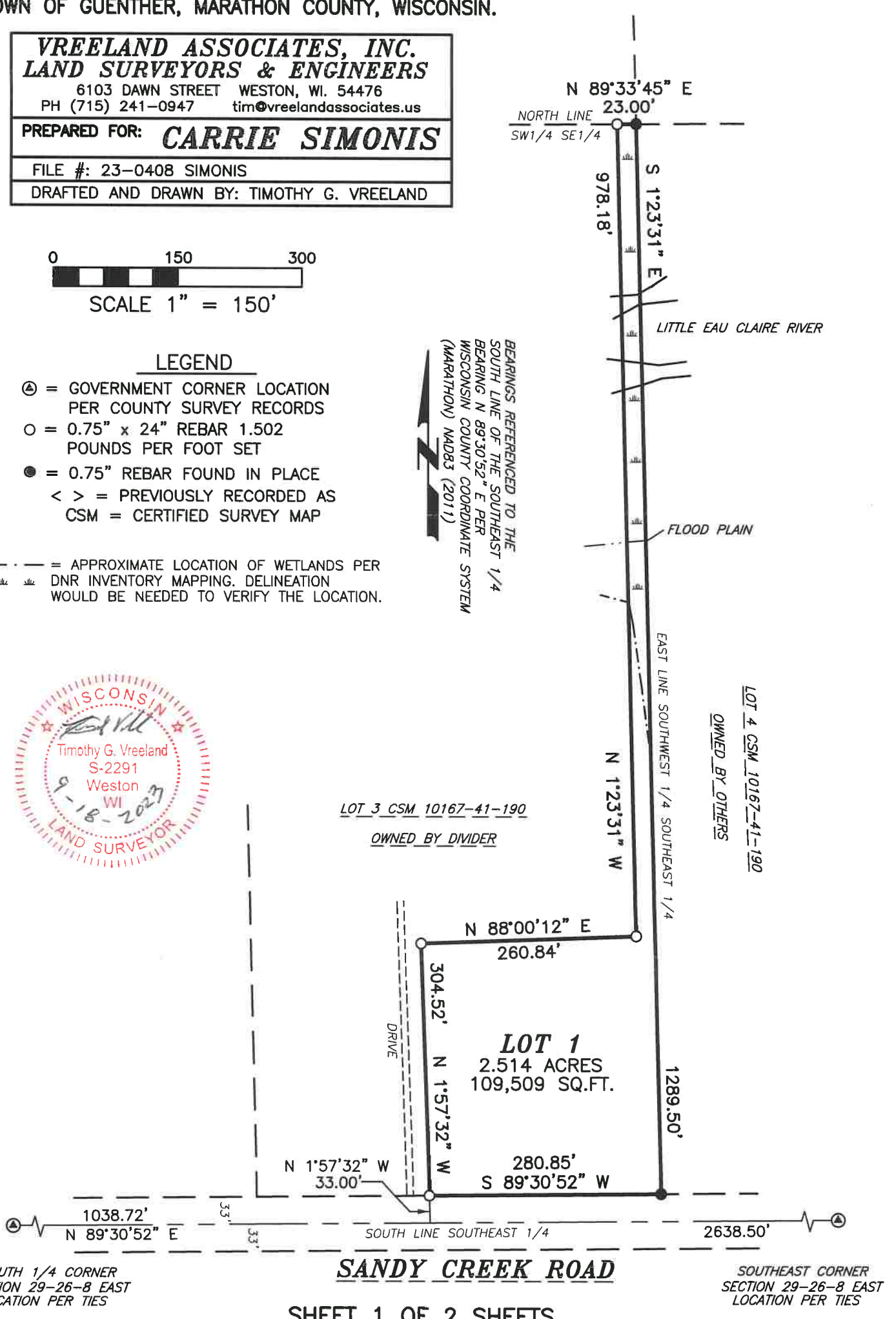


### LEGEND

- ⊙ = GOVERNMENT CORNER LOCATION PER COUNTY SURVEY RECORDS
- = 0.75" x 24" REBAR 1.502 POUNDS PER FOOT SET
- = 0.75" REBAR FOUND IN PLACE
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--- = APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF WETLANDS PER DNR INVENTORY MAPPING. DELINEATION WOULD BE NEEDED TO VERIFY THE LOCATION.

BEARINGS REFERENCED TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 BEARING N 89°30'52" E PER WISCONSIN COUNTY COORDINATE SYSTEM (MARATHON) NAD83 (2011)



## SANDY CREEK ROAD

SOUTH 1/4 CORNER SECTION 29-26-8 EAST LOCATION PER TIES

SOUTHEAST CORNER SECTION 29-26-8 EAST LOCATION PER TIES

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SHEET 2 OF 2 SHEETS

## SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, TIMOTHY G. VREELAND, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT THE DIRECTION OF PAUL AND CARRIE SIMONIS, I SURVEYED, MAPPED AND DIVIDED PART OF LOT 3 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 10167, RECORDED IN VOLUME 41 ON PAGE 190, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, TOWN OF GUENTHER, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29; THENCE N 89°30'52" E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 1038.72 FEET; THENCE N 1°57'32" W 33.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SANDY CREEK ROAD AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING N 1°57'32" W 304.52 FEET; THENCE N 88°00'12" E 260.84 FEET; THENCE N 1°23'31" W 978.18 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE N 89°33'45" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 3 23.00 FEET; THENCE S 1°23'31" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 3 1289.50 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SANDY CREEK ROAD; THENCE S 89°30'52" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3 280.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD AND USE.

THAT SUCH MAP IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF ALL EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND SURVEYED AND THE DIVISION AND THE CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP THEREOF MADE.

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH SECTION 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES IN SURVEYING, MAPPING AND DIVIDING THE LANDS, CHAPTER A-E 7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND THE LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE OF MARATHON COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF GUENTHER, ALL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.

DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023  
SURVEY PERFORMED SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
TIMOTHY G. VREELAND P.L.S. 2291

APPROVED FOR RECORDING UNDER  
THE TERMS OF THE MARATHON  
COUNTY LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS.

BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION,  
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT.  
CPZ TRACKING NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR  
RECORDING BY THE TOWN OF  
GUENTHER

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN OF GUENTHER

ORDINANCE # O - \_\_\_\_\_-24

Town of Spencer Rezone

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code by Tim Vreeland on behalf of Steve Banks to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from L-D-R Low Density Residential and G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential and G-A General Agriculture located in part of the Northeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 19, Township 26 North, Range 2 East, Town of Spencer. The area proposed to be rezoned to G-A General Agriculture is described as part of Lot 1 and the area to be rezoned to R-R Rural Residential is described as Lot 2 of the preliminary CSM. Parcel Pin #074-2602-194-0998 and 074-2602-194-0983.

WHEREAS, the petition was referred to the Marathon County Environmental Resources Committee (the Committee) for public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, on due notice, conducted a public hearing thereon, pursuant to Section 59.69, Wisconsin Statutes on January 5, 2024 to consider the petition to amend Chapter 17; and

WHEREAS, the Committee being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, having reviewed the staff report, and duly advised of the recommendations of the Town of Guenther hereby recommends the petition be GRANTED AS APPLIED FOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does ordain as follows: The General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code (and accompanying Zoning Map) is amended as stated above.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

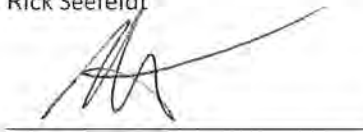
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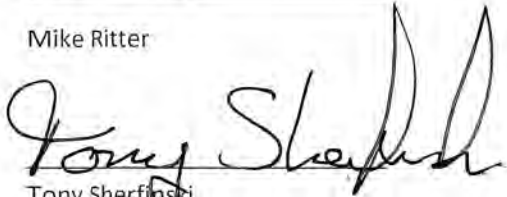
  
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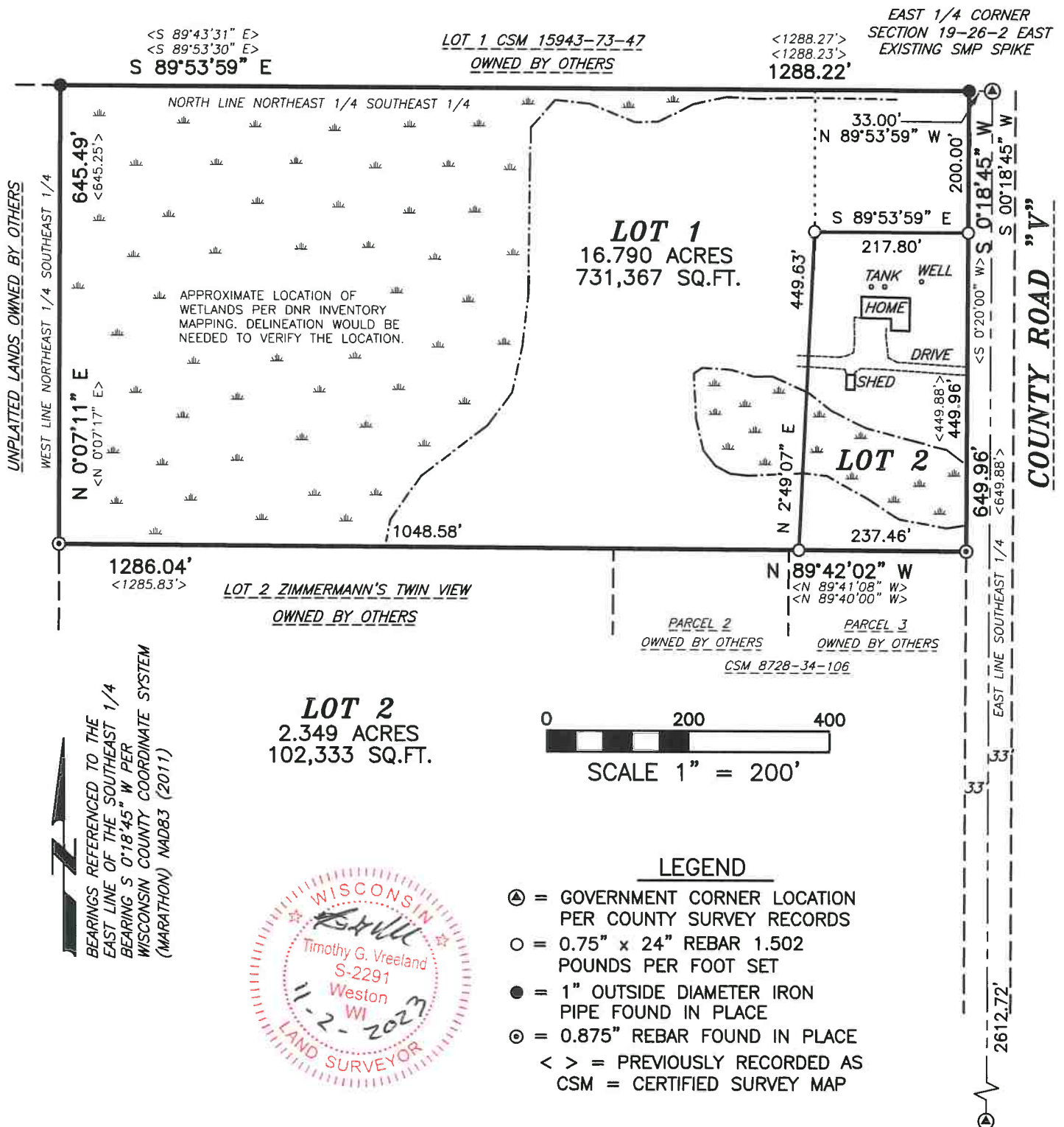
Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024

# CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

MARATHON COUNTY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4  
OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST,  
TOWN OF SPENCER, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

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# CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

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SHEET 2 OF 2 SHEETS

## SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I, TIMOTHY G. VREELAND, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT THE DIRECTION OF STEVE BANKS, I SURVEYED, MAPPED AND DIVIDED THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, TOWN OF SPENCER, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 19; THENCE N 89°53'59" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 33.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "V" AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 0°18'45" W ALONG THE WEST LINE OF COUNTY ROAD "V" 649.96 FEET; THENCE N 89°42'02" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF PARCELS 2 AND 3 OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NUMBER 8728 AND LOT 2 OF ZIMMERMANN'S TWIN VIEW 1286.04 FEET; THENCE N 0°07'11" E ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 645.49 FEET; THENCE S 89°53'59" E ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 1288.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD AND USE.

THAT SUCH MAP IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF ALL EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND SURVEYED AND THE DIVISION AND THE CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP THEREOF MADE.

THAT I HAVE FULLY COMPLIED WITH SECTION 236.34 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES IN SURVEYING, MAPPING AND DIVIDING THE LANDS, CHAPTER A-E 7 OF THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND THE LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE OF MARATHON COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF SPENCER, ALL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF IN SURVEYING, DIVIDING AND MAPPING THE SAME.



DATED THIS 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023  
SURVEY PERFORMED NOVEMBER 1ST, 2023

TIMOTHY G. VREELAND P.L.S. 2291

APPROVED FOR RECORDING UNDER  
THE TERMS OF THE MARATHON  
COUNTY LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS.

BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
MARATHON CO. CONSERVATION,  
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT.  
CPZ TRACKING NO. \_\_\_\_\_



STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
MARATHON COUNTY )  
TOWN OF SPENCER )

**RESOLUTION ON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

TO THE MARATHON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

I, Dennis Gonnering, Clerk of the Town of Spencer, Marathon County, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Spencer Town Board at a meeting held on the 14th day of November, 2023.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 59.69(5)(e)3., Wisconsin Statutes, provides that if a town affected by a proposed amendment disapproves of the proposed amendment, the town board may file a certified copy of a resolution adopted by such board disapproving of the petition with the Environmental Resources Committee prior to, at or within ten (10) days after the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, if the town board of the town affected in the case of an ordinance relating to the location of boundaries of districts files such a resolution, the Environmental Resources Committee may not recommend to the County Board approval of the petition without change, but may only recommend approval with change or recommend disapproval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Spencer Town Board considered on the 14th day of November, 2023, the petition of Tim Vreeland on behalf of Steve Banks to amend the General Code of Ordinance for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code to rezone lands from L-D-R Low Density Residential and G-A General Agriculture to R-R Rural Residential and G-A General Agriculture located in part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Township 26 North, Range 2 East, Town of Spencer. The area proposed to be rezoned to L-D-R Low Density Residential is described as Lot 1 and the area to be rezoned to G-A General Agriculture is described as Lot 2 of the preliminary CSM. Parcel Pin #074-2602-194-0998 and 074-2602-194-0983.

The Town of Spencer hereby has considered the following standards for rezoning above property (use additional sheets if necessary):

- 1) **Has the applicant provided what public facilities and/or services currently serve the proposed development, what additional services may be required, and how the additional services will be provided?**  
 No  Yes Explain: Current utilities will serve
- 2) **Has the applicant demonstrated how the provision of the public facilities will not be an unreasonable burden to local government?**  
 No  Yes Explain: No Burden
- 3) **Has the applicant determined that the land is suitable for the development proposed? Explain.**  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) **Has the applicant demonstrated what will have to be done so the development will not cause unreasonable air and water pollution, soil erosion, or adverse effects on rare or irreplaceable natural areas? Explain.**  
 No  Yes Explain: No adverse effects
- 5) **Is there any potential for conflict with existing land uses in the area?**  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) **Has The applicant demonstrated the need for the proposed development at this location? Explain.**  
 No  Yes Explain: No development

(OVER)

7) Has the applicant demonstrated the availability of alternative locations? Be specific  
 No  Yes Explain: No Alternative

8) Is cropland is being consumed by this zone change? What is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved?  
 No  Yes Explain: No Cropland

9) Has the applicant explained how the proposed development will be located to minimize the amount of agricultural land converted?  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

10) Is proposed rezone request consistent with the town's adopted Comprehensive Plan? Explain.  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

11) Is there anything else the Town wishes to present or comment on regarding this application to the Marathon County Environmental Resources (ERC) Committee?  
 No  Yes Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

The Town of Spencer recommends:  **Approval**  **Disapproval** of the amendment and/or zone change.

OR  **Requests an Extension\*** for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Wis. Stats §59.69(5)(e), (3), and (3m) authorizes Towns to extend the time to disapprove a zone change for a total of thirty (30) days beyond the date of the public hearing. The extension must be by Town Board Resolution and remains in effect until the Town Board adopts a resolution rescinding the extension.

Clerk Dennis R. Fathy  
Town Board Carl P. Hoff  
Jerry P. Liberty

NOTE: If you recommend disapproval of this request, please make every effort to send a representative to the Environmental Resources Committee Public Hearing. Town input at the hearing is always appreciated. Please return this form before December 24, 2023 to:

Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning Department  
210 River Drive  
Wausau, WI 54403

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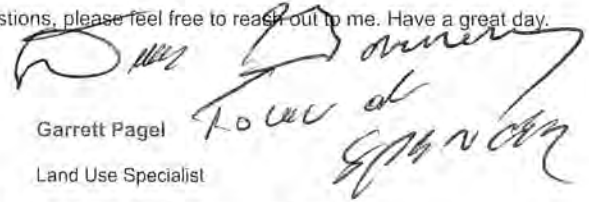
Good Morning Dennis,

I just wanted to reach out to you regarding the resolution that was submitted regarding the Steve Banks rezone petition on County Rd V that is going to ERC on 1/5. Looking over Spencer's resolution, I noticed a couple of boxes were not checked. One rezone was sent back to committee because a supervisor believed the resolution was not sufficient because a box was not checked, making it incomplete. I wanted to reach out to you prior to it going to ERC and County Board so there won't be any undue delays for the applicant. Below I have listed the two questions that do not have a box checked. Please answer yes or no.

Has the applicant demonstrated the need for the proposed development at this location? (Yes or No) *Yes*

If cropland being consumed by this zone change? What is the productivity of the agricultural lands involved? (Yes or No)  
*No*

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Have a great day.




Garrett Pagel  
 Land Use Specialist  
 Department of Conservation, Planning & Zoning  
 Phone 715-261-8039  
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**ORDINANCE #O-4-24**

**AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 19 OF MARATHON COUNTY GENERAL CODE**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 19 of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances sets forth regulations and rules relative to County Parks within Marathon County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department seeks to annually review these ordinance chapters to determine whether any sections require updates; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 4, 2024, the Park Commission approved the attached amendments to Chapter 19 of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 5, 2024, the Environmental Resources Committee approved the attached amendments to Chapters 19 of the Marathon County Code of Ordinances and forwarded the amendments on to the County Board for consideration and adoption.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain as follows:

To amend Chapters 19 of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances as indicated in the attached documents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2024.

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal Impact: None. These code amendments do not make an appropriation; increase or decrease an existing appropriation; increase or decrease a fiscal liability; or create, increase, or decrease any anticipated revenue.

## Chapter 19 PARKS AND RECREATION

### MARATHON COUNTY PARKS

#### Sec. 19.01. General administration and terms.

- (1) *Terms.*
  - (a) *Park Commission.* The term "Park Commission", composed of seven members, refers to the committee of jurisdiction for Marathon County parklands, hereafter referred to as the "Commission" under this subchapter.
  - (b) *County park.* The terms "County park" and "park" mean all lands and water previously and subsequently acquired by the County for park or recreational purposes or placed under the jurisdiction of the Commission and including without limitation, parks, beaches, and privately owned lands, the use of which has been granted or leased to the County for park, recreational or like public purposes under this subchapter.
- (2) *Scope.*
  - (a) The provisions of this subchapter shall apply to all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the County and under the management, supervision and control of the Commission, except that Marathon Park shall be subject to the right of the Marathon County Agricultural Society to hold an annual fair.
  - (b) The Commission is organized pursuant to §§ 27.02 through 27.05, 27.075 and 27.08, Wis. Stats., and any subsequent amendments thereto.
- (3) *Director.* The Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, whose head shall be the Director, shall be the administrative or executive agency of the Commission. The Director shall be the authorized agent of the Commission as referred to in this subchapter.
- (4) *Closing hours.* No person shall enter or be in any County park between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except registered campers in or en route to designated campgrounds; persons transporting watercraft to and from designated boat landings are permitted at any hour.
- (5) *Fees, charges and deposits.*
  - (a) *Fee schedule.* No person shall use any facility, shelter, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Commission without payment of such a fee or charge.
  - (b) *Deposits.* Shelters or facilities will be reserved upon completion and approval of a use agreement; payment of the rental fee; and payment of the security deposit and/or key deposit if applicable. The key and security deposit will be subject to retention, in whole or part, by the Commission, if the key is not returned; the shelter or facility has been subjected to abuse; inadequately cleaned; or used in violation of current facility use regulations.
- (6) *Additional rules, permits, exceptions.*

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- (a) *Additional rules.* Rules and regulations may be made governing the use and enjoyment of all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the County and under the management, supervision and control of the Commission. Any person who shall violate such rules or regulations or who refuses to subject himself or herself thereto may be excluded from the use of such facilities. No person shall disregard posted rules and regulations or engage in any activity contrary to posted notice.
  - (b) *Permits.* Any person to whom a permit has been issued by the Director shall be bound by the provisions of all ordinances of Marathon County as fully as though the same were inserted in each permit. Any permit issued by the department must be displayed as directed by the Commission.
  - (c) *Exceptions.* Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or hinder the Commission, its Director, Supervisors, Park Managers, Employees or other authorized agents or any law enforcement officers from performing their official duties.
- (7) *Public utilities and private construction.*
- (a) *Public utilities.* The location of all sewers and receivers, gas pipes, water pipes, stopcock boxes, hydrants, lamp posts, telegraph, telephone and electric power posts and lines, manholes, conduit and pumps within any park or parkway shall be subject to the jurisdiction and control of the Commission; and their construction, erection, repair or relocation shall be undertaken only after written permission is received from the Commission.
  - (b) *Private construction.*
    1. No curb, whether stone, concrete or grass, shall be cut for the purpose of constructing a private driveway across any parkway border nor for any other purpose, without written permission of the Commission.
    2. The location, width, grade and construction of all paths, driveways and roadways across any sidewalk border along any parkway shall be subject to the approval of and constructed only after written permission is obtained from the Commission.
    3. Every person who receives a permit to open a trench, cut a curb or deposit materials in or upon any park or parkway shall at all times after such work has been commenced or materials deposited and until the same has been completed and all accumulations of materials resulting from such work have been removed so guard and protect the same that persons driving or passing along the roadway or sidewalk in the vicinity of the place where the work is being done shall not be likely to meet with any accident therefrom; and shall from sunset to sunrise while such work is in progress cause the same to be securely fenced and guarded by a warning light or lights placed in a conspicuous position and so secured that the same shall not be extinguished.

(O-7-01; O-8-03; O-16-13; O-4-19; O-05-21; O-29-23)

## **Sec. 19.02. Public meetings and sales.**

- (1) *Public meetings.*
  - (a) Any person desiring to hold a public meeting of any kind in any park shall first obtain a permit from the Commission or its authorized agent. The permit shall be applied for not less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled event.
  - (b) Permits will be granted for the purpose of holding any lawful public assembly in accordance with published regulations governing the reasonable use of parks.
- (2) *Sales.* No person shall sell or offer for sale any goods, merchandise or service in any park, except as authorized by the Commission and when holding proper licenses.

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- (3) *Soliciting boat rides.* No person shall use in any manner the dock, pier, wharf, boat landing, mooring facilities in or the waters in or immediately adjacent to any County park for the purpose of soliciting rides of any kind unless authorized by the Commission.
  - (4) *Posting bills or advertising.* No person shall distribute or post bills or advertisements in any park without written consent of the Commission.

(O-7-01; O-4-19)

### **Sec. 19.03. Personal conduct and nuisances.**

- (1) *Personal conduct.* No person shall engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which the conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance in any County park.
- (2) *Property of others.* No person shall disturb, molest or remove the property or personal effects of others.
- (3) *Unreasonable noise.* No person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonably loud sounds or noises under circumstances which tend to annoy or disturb others. No person shall operate any sound truck, loudspeaker, generator, chainsaw, or other device that produces excessive, loud or unusual noises within any County park except upon written permit issued by the Commission or its authorized agent upon such terms and conditions as will ensure that the public peace and order will not be unreasonably disturbed.
- (4) *Jumping and diving.* No person shall jump, dive, or otherwise launch themselves from any bridge, approach, rope or other device similar to a rope swing thereto into any body of water within any County park.
- (5) *Swimming and wading.* No person shall swim or wade within 50 feet of boat launch ramps at any County park except for the express purpose of launching or landing watercraft.
- (6) *Docks and piers.* No person shall use docks or piers adjacent to any boat landing in any manner as to obstruct or hinder the launching, landing, loading or unloading of watercraft.
- (7) *Obstructing.* No person shall knowingly obstruct an employee or any law enforcement officer while the employee or law enforcement officer is doing any act in an official capacity and with lawful authority. Obstruct includes without limitation knowingly giving false information with intent to mislead the employee or law enforcement officer in the performance of duty including the issuance of any citation.
- (8) *Smoking.* No person may smoke in, or within 50 feet of, the following areas of a County park:
  - (a) Playgrounds.
  - (b) Sports fields and sports field seating areas.
  - (c) Swimming areas and all inside fenced areas surrounding swimming areas.
  - (d) Marathon County Sports Complex located at 602 E. Kent Street.
  - (e) Those park areas temporarily posted as no smoking by the Director or his or her designee during Parks Department sponsored events.
  - (f) Those park areas temporarily posted as no smoking by the Director or his or her designee during an approved event held within the park area and for which no smoking has been requested by the event organizer or sponsor.

(9) *Golf Carts.* No person may operate any golf cart, defined as an unmodified manufacturer specification vehicle whose speed does not exceed 20 miles per hour and is designed to carry one or more person and equipment to play the game of golf, on any lands under the management, supervision and control of the department unless posted otherwise or given written permission from the department in conjunction with an approved event.

**Sec. 19.04. Destruction, entry, cleaning and refuse.**

(1) *Destruction and entry.*

- (a) *Deface, remove or destroy.* No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants, or other natural growth, or natural or archeological feature; disturb or remove shoreline rip-rap; carve on any rocks, archaeological or geological features, signs, walls or structures; drive nails in trees or move, deface or vandalize in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables or other County property. Edible fruits, nuts, wild mushrooms and wild asparagus may be picked or gathered without a permit, except on State Natural Areas.
- (b) *Prospecting prohibited.*
  - 1. In this subsection, the term "prospecting" means exploring for the presence of rocks, minerals or fossils by means of relocation, removal or displacement of soil or other organic or inorganic materials.
  - 2. No person may collect, or engage in prospecting for, rocks, minerals, or fossil materials located on any Marathon County Park land or the bed of any body of water located thereon.
- (c) *Entry and manipulation.* No person shall enter in any way any building, installation or area that may be under construction or locked or closed to public use or molest or manipulate any water control structure, dam or culvert or enter or be upon any building, installation or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time or contrary to posted notice in any County park.

(2) *Cleaning and refuse.*

- (a) *Washing.* The washing of cars, persons, pets, cooking utensils or clothing is prohibited in any lakes, streams or on any picnic grounds, playgrounds, beaches, recreation areas, boat landings, parking lots or roadways or within 50 feet of any pump, fountain or drinking water outlet in any County park. The washing of persons, cooking utensils and clothing shall be permitted at designated campgrounds or at other authorized and posted locations.
- (b) *Fish and game cleaning.* No person shall clean, butcher, scale or skin any fish, game, livestock or poultry in any County park except that fish may be cleaned at designated fish cleaning tables provided for such purposes. Refuse from such cleaning operations shall be suitably wrapped or packaged and deposited in the refuse containers provided for that purpose.
- (c) *Refuse.*
  - 1. No person shall deposit or leave any garbage, sewage, or other waste material upon any body of water or other area in any County park except in an appropriate solid waste or recycling container.
  - 2. No person shall upset or turn over the contents of any solid waste or recycling container in any County park.
  - 3. Charcoal residue or wood ash shall be left in a grate or fireplace until cool or placed in receptacles provided for such purposes.
  - 4. No person shall deposit or leave any residential or commercial belongings or waste material in any waste receptacle or other area in any County park.
- (d) *Dispensing beverages.* No vendor shall dispense beverages in any cup, glass, flask, bottle or other container made of glass or other shatterable material designed or used for holding a beverage at any



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outdoor fair, game, attraction, event, or public function. This prohibition does not apply to vendors at any of the above-listed activities serving sit-down meals where the beverage containers are washed and reused. All beverage vendors at any of the above-listed activities shall use recyclable beverage containers and provide adequate collection facilities for the recycling of all beverage containers so used.

(O-7-01; O-8-03; O-17-14; O-05-21; O-38-22)

## **Sec. 19.05. Vehicles.**

### **(1) Vehicular traffic.**

- (a) No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 15 mph or contrary to official traffic signs in any County park or County trail unless governed by § 7.125 of Marathon County Code of Ordinances.
- (b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in an abusive, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly manner under circumstances which tend to cause or provoke a disturbance. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to, conduct which tends to disturb, annoy or endanger one or more persons because of unnecessary or deliberate spinning of wheels, squealing of tires, revving of engine, blowing the horn, causing engine to backfire or causing vehicle while commencing to move or in motion to raise one or more of its wheels, tracks or skis off the ground or operate at an unreasonable or imprudent speed in any County park.
- (c) No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle except as provided in this subchapter, upon any bridle path, hiking trail, beach area, playground, picnic area or any other area other than established roads, parking areas, boat ramps and service areas or contrary to posted notice or within any park seasonally closed to vehicular traffic.
- (d) No person shall operate a snowmobile as defined in § 340.01(58a), Wis. Stats., in any County park, except on snowmobile trails approved by or for events authorized by the Commission.
- (e) No person shall operate an ATV or UTV as defined in § 340.01(2g), Wis. Stats., in any County park, except on established roads.
- (f) No other motorized vehicles other than an ATV or UTV shall be operated on a designated ATV/UTV trail on park property or County trail with the exception of authorized personnel in the performance of their duties.
- (g) No person may operate a motorized vehicle on County property when rules pertaining to the operation of motorized vehicles are posted by the Commission or its authorized agent.

### **(2) Parking.**

- (a) No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle, obstruction or watercraft:
  - 1. In any manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, sidewalk, parking lot, boat landing, waterway or winter sport facility.
  - 2. Outside of any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use such areas.
  - 3. Contrary to posted notice.
- (b) No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, whether temporarily or otherwise, in areas reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying registration plates or identification cards which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person as defined in § 346.505, Wis. Stats.

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- (c) No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, whether temporary or otherwise, in areas designated as fire lanes with signs or marked curbs.
  - (d) The forfeiture for a violation of paragraph (a) shall be \$10.00. The forfeiture for a violation of paragraph (b) or (c) shall be \$30.00. In the event that the violator fails to appear in court on the date and time indicated on the citation, or fails to enter a "not guilty" plea by mail by the court date, or fails to stipulate to the violation by posting the forfeiture required in the office of the Marathon County Clerk of Courts, at the address indicated on the citation by the court date, said forfeiture shall be ordered by the court in default and shall be increased by the amount of \$30.00 as a penalty for failure to pay in a timely fashion, for a total forfeiture of \$40.00 for a violation of paragraph (a) and \$60.00 for a violation of paragraph (b) or (c).
  - (e) The provisions of § 345.28, Wis. Stats., and any subsequent amendments thereto, are specifically adopted and incorporated herein by reference. If the alleged violator fails to pay the amount of the forfeiture as provided herein, or to appear in court, the County may take any or all of the actions authorized under § 345.28, Wis. Stats.
  - (f) The registered owner of a vehicle is deemed to have authorized the parking of a vehicle found parked in violation of this subsection.
- (3) *Abandoned vehicles.* No person shall leave any vehicle unattended without approval of the Commission or its authorized agent for more than 48 hours under such circumstance as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. An abandoned vehicle shall constitute a public nuisance and be subject to removal at the owner's expense. Removal of the vehicle shall not relieve the owner or the operator of the vehicle from any penalty incurred because of such violation.

(O-7-01; O-8-03; O-05-21; O-38-22)

### **Sec. 19.06. Fires, fireworks, firearms, projectiles.**

- (1) *Fires.*
  - (a) **Marathon Park.**
    - 1. Except for cooking with charcoal, gas or liquid fuel on commercially manufactured portable metal grills or stoves, there shall be no open fires in Marathon Park, except as provided in paragraph 3.
    - 2. Portable metal grills and stoves acceptable in Marathon Park shall include only commercially manufactured devices intended for cooking. Homemade devices or manufactured portable fire places or other manufactured devices, which have been modified by the user, shall not be used.
    - 3. Fires other than those provided for in paragraph 1 may be made by permit only. Said permit must be obtained from the Wausau City Fire Department pursuant to the Wausau Municipal Code.
  - (b) **Other County Parks.**
    - 1. No person shall start, tend or maintain any fire or burn any refuse except at designated fireplaces, fire rings or permanent grills within any county park other than Marathon Park.
    - 2. Fires for cooking or heating may be made in portable metal stoves, heaters, grills or fireplaces at picnic areas or designated campgrounds.
  - (c) No person shall abandon any fire or leave any fire unattended or throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars, pipe ashes or embers without first extinguishing them. No person shall start, tend or use in any manner any fire contrary to posted notice in any county park.

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- (2) *Fireworks.* No person shall possess or discharge any fireworks regulated by § 167.10(1), Wis. Stats. in any County park except that exhibitions of fireworks given under the direction or by the permission of the Commission or its authorized agent are permitted.
- (3) *Firearms.*
- (a) No person shall discharge any firearm as defined in § 167.31(1)(c), Wis. Stats., or airgun as defined in § 939.22, Wis. Stats., or any bow in any County park, except that portion of Shooting Range Park north of Four Mile Creek where the use of firearms, airguns or bows is permitted on designated ranges in accordance with posted regulations.
  - (b) Unless other facts and circumstances that indicate a criminal or malicious intent on the part of the person apply, a person is not in violation of, and may not be charged with a violation of, this section for loading, carrying, or going armed with a firearm, without regard to whether the firearm is loaded or is concealed or openly carried.
  - (c) This section does not apply and may not be enforced if the actor's conduct is justified or, had it been subject to a criminal penalty, would have been subject to a defense described in § 939.45, Wis. Stats.
  - (d) No person, except a law enforcement officer, shall enter any building, facility, or location open to the public that is restricted by state law or posted as a no firearms or concealed weapons location while possessing, carrying, or concealing a firearm or weapon, whether with or without a state permit.
- (4) *Shooting range park.*
- (a) No person shall discharge any firearm, airgun or bow in any area within Shooting Range Park not specifically designated for such use or contrary to posted regulations or contrary to verbal orders given by the Rangemaster on duty. This paragraph shall apply to any person discharging any firearm at a rate of fire deemed unsafe in the judgment of the Rangemaster, including bump firing to simulate the discharge of automatic firearms.
  - (b) No person shall possess or discharge any fully automatic or machine gun or load or discharge any firearm deemed unsafe in the judgment of the Rangemaster or load any firearm with or discharge any armor piercing or incendiary ammunition at Shooting Range Park. This paragraph shall not apply to authorized military or law enforcement training exercises.
  - (c) No person shall engage in any sport or activity while in possession of an uncased firearm, airgun or bow which, in the judgment of any law enforcement officer or the Rangemaster, constitutes a safety hazard.
- (5) *Throwing or shooting projectiles.* No person shall throw or shoot an arrow, knife, stone, paintball or other projectile, by hand or any other means, in any County park. This subsection shall not apply to arrows used on archery ranges authorized by the Commission.

(O-17-98; O-7-01; O-8-03; O-10-11; O-16-13)

### **Sec. 19.07. Animals.**

- (1) *Animals in public facilities.*
- (a) *Restricted.* No person having immediate custody, care or control of a dog or other animal, shall permit said animal to enter and/or remain in any public park building, bathing beach, the Marathon County Sports Complex, the Marathon Park Amphitheater or playground safety surface area in any County park, except assistance dogs or as authorized by the Commission or their designee.
  - (b) *Definitions.* The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

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*Assistance dog.* Any dog that has been or is being trained as a guide dog, hearing dog, or service dog. Such terms are further defined as follows:

*Guide dog.* Any dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a particular blind or visually impaired person.

*Hearing dog.* Any dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a particular deaf or hard of hearing person.

*Service dog.* Any dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a person with a disability other than sight or hearing.

- (2) *Animals running at large.* No person shall allow a dog or other animal to run at large in any County park. The animal shall be considered as running at large unless it is on a leash no more than 16 feet in length, is in or upon a vehicle, is in or on the property of its owner or another who does not object to the presence of such animal, or is part of a 4-H project, is on a display for judging purposes, is in an itinerant or transient carnival, circus or other like show, is in a dog or cat show or trial, or is part of the program of a public or private educational institution as authorized by the Commission or in designated areas as set by the Commission.
- (3) *Howling animals.* No person shall own, keep, possess or harbor a dog or other animal in any County park which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking or wailing disturbs other persons.
- (4) *Animal feces.*
- (a) The owner or person having immediate care, custody or control of a dog or other animal shall promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any feces left or deposited by the animal upon any County park.
  - (b) No person shall permit a dog or other animal to be in any County park unless such person has, in his immediate possession, an appropriate means of removing animal feces.
- (5) *Horses.*
- (a) No person shall ride or use a horse or other beast of burden in any manner in any County park, except on designated bridle trails or for events authorized by the Commission.
  - (b) No person shall ride or use a horse or other beast of burden in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to create a nuisance or to endanger the life, property or person of others.
  - (c) The use of a horse or other beast of burden to pull a buggy as a means of transportation shall not occur, operate, or park except as provided in this subchapter, upon any bridle path, hiking trail, beach area, playground, picnic area or any other area other than established roads, parking areas, boat ramps and service areas or contrary to posted notice or within any park seasonally closed to vehicular traffic.
- (6) *Hunting and trapping.*
- (a) *Restricted.* No person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue or otherwise disturb any wild animals or birds in any County park, except:
    - 1. Waterfowl, as that term is defined herein, may be hunted from a blind, as that term is defined herein, in accordance with applicable State statutes and applicable provisions of the Wisconsin Administrative Code setting forth regulations of the Department of Natural Resources, placed below the ordinary high watermark, as that term is defined herein, at Big Eau Pleine and Ashley Parks. A blind may be established not more than seven days prior to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season and must be removed by the owner within seven days after the close of the season. Any blind on park property used in hunting waterfowl must bear the name, address, and phone number of the owner affixed permanently to the blind in lettering one inch square or larger.

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2. Archery hunting is permitted in Big Eau Pleine Park only during the open season from November 15 through the Sunday nearest January 6. No special hunting access permit is needed to hunt with a bow or crossbow in Big Eau Pleine Park. All hunting license requirements apply. Archery hunters must:
- a. Be 100 feet from a designated trail or the center of any established road.
  - b. Be 100 yards from designated use areas such as picnic areas, campgrounds, beaches, and buildings.
  - c. Hunting must take place from an elevated platform of no less than six feet off of the ground.
  - d. Access to the park for the purpose of hunting is allowed starting at 6:00 a.m. or one hour prior to shooting hours until one hour after shooting hours.
  - e. Tree stands. No person shall construct, cause to be constructed, use or occupy any elevated scaffold or other elevated device commonly referred to as a tree stand on any lands owned or under the control of the County, except that portable tree stands may be used, provided that they are completely removed from the tree each day at the close of hunting hours and provided that such portable tree stands are not in any manner bolted, nailed, screwed or fastened to the tree and provided that such portable tree stands cause no permanent or temporary damage to the trees in which they are placed. Portable tree stands may be left in the woods provided that they have the name, address, and phone number of the owner permanently affixed to the stand in the English language and shall be clearly visible and kept legible at all times. Portable tree stands without such identifying information shall be subject to immediate removal by County officials. Portable tree stands may not be brought in prior to the season starting and must be removed by the owner the last day of the archery deer hunting season established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
  - f. Trail cameras. No person shall place or use any camera or other device commonly referred to as a trail camera on lands owned or under the control of the County that causes permanent or temporary damage to natural vegetation or other County property. The placement and use of trail cameras are permitted for hunting and wildlife scouting purposes and are prohibited in designated areas of the Big Eau Pleine Park where activity would interfere with other recreational activities and shall include picnic areas, campgrounds, beaches, parking areas and buildings. Trail cameras may be left in the woods provided they bear the name, address, and phone number in the English language of the owner permanently affixed in a manner that is clearly visible and kept legible at all times without moving the camera. Trail cameras without such identifying information shall be subject to immediate removal by County officials. Trail cameras may be chained or locked to natural vegetation and must be removed from Big Eau Pleine Park as stipulated for tree stands in paragraph (e).
  - g. High Visibility Clothing. High Visibility Clothing or Blaze Orange is required for archery only areas during any gun deer season established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

(b) *Definitions.* The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

*Archery hunting.* The act of pursuing or taking wild game using a bow and arrow. Bows include crossbows.

*Blind.* Any permanent structure used in hunting waterfowl, which is not removed at the end of hunting hours each day.

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*Designated trail.* All trails signed for hiking, biking, disc golf and equestrian use.

*Ordinary high watermark.* The point on the bank or shore up to which the presence and action of surface water is so continuous as to leave a distinctive mark, such as by erosion, destruction or prevention of terrestrial vegetation, predominance of aquatic vegetation or other easily recognized characteristic. Where the bank or shore at any particular place is of such character that it is difficult or impossible to ascertain where the point of ordinary high-water is, recourse may be had to the opposite bank of a stream or to other places on the shore of a lake or flowage to determine whether a given stage of water is above or below the ordinary high watermark.

*Waterfowl.* Includes wild geese, brant, wild ducks, rails, coots, gallinules, jacksnipe, woodcock, plovers, sandpipers and wild swan.

- (c) *Penalty.* Violations of this subsection shall be punishable as provided in § 19.14 of this chapter relating to hunting and trapping violations.

(O-15-90; O-7-01; O-8-03; O-16-13; O-13-15; O-05-21; O-40-21; O-29-23)

### **Sec. 19.08. Athletics.**

- (1) *Golf and archery.* No person shall use golf or archery equipment within any County park or parkway except upon golf facilities or archery ranges established by the Commission.
- (2) *Roller skates, skateboards, and scooters.* No person shall ride, push or travel upon roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, or scooters within any public buildings or on any facilities not specifically intended for such use including, but not limited to: tennis courts, benches, tables, bleachers or on docks and piers adjacent to any boat landing within any County park, except in designated areas and in accordance with posted regulations.
- (3) *Ice skating.* No person shall play or practice hockey, broomball or any other games or sports that may interfere with casual ice skaters, when casual skaters are present on outdoor ice skating rinks established by the Commission, except hockey and broomball may be played on designated hockey rinks.
- (4) *Hiking, walking or running on groomed ski, fat tire bike and snowshoe trails.* No person shall hike, walk or run on any designated cross-country ski, fat tire bike, or snowshoe trails during that period of the year when such trails are open, or being groomed for opening, for cross-country skiing, fat tire biking or snowshoeing unless in the case of an emergency or injury.
  - (a) *Definitions:* The following terms shall have the meaning indicated:
    1. *Fat tire bike.* Any bike that has tires that are 3.8 inches wide or larger.
    2. *Snowshoe.* A flat device resembling a racket, which is attached to the sole of a boot and used for walking on snow.

(O-7-01; O-8-03; O-05-21; O-38-22; O-29-23)

### **Sec. 19.09. Beaches.**

- (1) *Food and beverage.* No person shall carry or consume any food or beverages on any bathing beach or in the water adjacent to any bathing beach in any County park except in designated areas.
- (2) *Boundary buoys.* No person shall disturb or molest a bathing beach boundary buoy or marker in any swimming beach in any County park or moor or cause to be within that area of water enclosed by boundary buoys any boat, raft or craft used to transport persons.

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- (3) *Beach athletics.* Except in locations designated for such purpose, no person shall engage in any athletic game or sport or in any activity upon a bathing beach or in the water when injury or inconvenience to others might result therefrom.
  - (4) *Bathing dress.* No swimmer or bather shall enter the water or onto any bathing beach unless clothed in a suitable bathing dress or suit.
  - (5) *Changing clothing.* No person shall change clothes, except in beach houses or other enclosed places.
  - (6) *Fishing.* No person may fish in any marked swimming beach area.
  - (7) *Glass containers.* Container made of glass or other shatterable material are prohibited.

(O-7-01; O-05-21)

### **Sec. 19.10. Camping.**

- (1) *Definitions.* The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

*Campground, designated.* Any tract of land designated exclusively for camping.

*Campground, general.* Any tract of land designated for camping by camping parties.

*Campground, group.* A campground which may be reserved for use by an assemblage of one or more families, nonfamily groups or juvenile groups.

*Camping or camp.* The use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bedroll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

*Camping party.* Any individual, family, or nonfamily group occupying a campsite.

*Camping unit.* Any single shelter except bedrolls and sleeping bags used for a camp by a camping party.

*Campsite.* A segment of a campground which is designated for camping use by a camping unit or camping party.

*Closed shelter.* Any building or structure capable of being closed to public access and reserved for public or private group activities.

*Family.* A camping party composed of a parent or parents with their unemancipated children.

*Individual group.* A camping party of not more than five unrelated persons occupying one camp site.

*Juvenile group.* A camping party composed of not more than ten juveniles under the leadership of an adult.

*Nonfamily group.* A camping party composed of five or less persons who do not meet the definition of family.

- (2) *Camping regulations.*

- (a) *Camping prohibited.* Camping is prohibited in all County parks, except at designated campgrounds, or other areas authorized by the Commission.

- (b) *Designated campgrounds.* Designated campgrounds are those general and group campgrounds in Big Eau Pleine, Dells of the Eau Claire and Marathon Parks.

- (c) *Camping permit.* No person shall set up camp prior to completing and displaying a camping permit. [Marathon Park camping permits are preregistration only and must be obtained through the online registration software prior to occupying the campsite.](#) All camping fees shall be prepaid for the permit period prior to occupying the campsite as provided in subsection 19.01(5)(a) of this chapter relating to a fee or charge established by the Commission.

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- (d) *Camping limited, designated campgrounds.* No person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain in a designated campground for a period greater than 14 consecutive days. The camping unit shall be removed from the property for at least seven days before being eligible to return.
  - (e) *Campsite occupancy.*
    - 1. No more than one camping party shall occupy a single campsite.
    - 2. No camping party consisting of a nonfamily group shall exceed five persons.
  - (f) *Campsite changes.* No camping party shall move from its assigned campsite to another campsite without prior approval.
  - (g) *Camping permit expiration.* All camping permits expire at 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the permit period.
  - (h) *Camping permit extensions.* Extensions within the 14-day limit may be granted on camping permits. Extensions shall be obtained prior to 10:00 a.m. on the expiration date of the permit.
  - (i) *Campsite entry hours.* No camping party shall start setting up or taking down its camping unit between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
  - (j) *Campsite parking.* No person shall park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite and not more than two motor vehicles are permitted to any campsite except that as many as five motorcycles are permitted for members of a camping party registered as a nonfamily group.
  - (k) *Campsite reservations.* Campsite reservations will be accepted only for group campgrounds and designated campsites within a general campground.
  - (l) *Camping party membership.* No person shall obtain a camping permit for use by a camping party of which he is not a member in a general campground.
  - (m) *Campsite capacity.* No more than two sleeping units may occupy a campsite. Two units may consist of one travel trailer, pickup truck camper or motor home and one tent or two tents with no camper. Pickup campers or motor homes towing a trailer shall be treated as a single unit.
  - (n) *Camping contrary to posted notice.* No person shall camp on any lands under the management, supervision or control of the Commission contrary to posted notice.
  - (o) *Camping violations.* Violation of any State law or any rules of the Commission by a member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit.
  - (p) *Campground quiet hours.* No person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonable sounds or noises in or adjacent to any designated campground as provided in subsection 19.03(3) of this chapter between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Beaches and shelters are closed after park hours except in cases of emergency.

(O-7-01; O-8-03; O-16-13; O-05-21; O-38-22)

### **Sec. 19.11. Boating.**

- (1) *Mission Lake boating regulations.*
  - (a) *Speed limit.* No person shall operate any watercraft in excess of five mph on Mission Lake, Town of Reid.
  - (b) *Mooring.* No person shall moor any watercraft for more than 24 hours on the water adjacent to or on the shore of Mission Lake Park.



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- (2) *Motorboats, Sunny Vale Lake.* No person shall operate a motorboat of any kind in any manner on Sunny Vale Lake within Sunny Vale Park.
  - (3) *State boating and water safety laws adopted.* The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water traffic, boats, boating and related water activities and safety found in § 30.68, Wis. Stats., Restricted Areas, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this section.

**Sec. 19.12. Jurisdiction over minors and underage persons.**

Any and all County ordinances conferring jurisdiction on the Circuit Court for persons 12 years of age or older, including all subsequent amendments and/or revisions thereto, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this section.

(O-7-01)

**Sec. 19.13. Legal action.**

- (1) *Civil action.* Whenever an arrest shall have been made or any violation shall occur, the District Attorney shall prosecute as provided by law.
- (2) *Arrest powers.* Any law enforcement officer of the County or any of its municipal subdivisions may without a warrant arrest any offender whom he may detect in the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter and take the person so arrested immediately before a magistrate having competent jurisdiction and he shall have at all times the right to enter the premises of any building, structure or enclosure in any park or parkway, including such grounds, buildings, structures or enclosures which may be leased or set aside for private or exclusive use of any individual or group of individuals for the purpose of arresting violators and may use all necessary means to attain that end.
- (3) *Citation.*
  - (a) *Authority to issue.* Citations for violations of this chapter may be issued by any law enforcement officer or by the Director and those administrative, supervisory or managerial Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department personnel delegated by the Director and listed below:  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Directors;  
Facility Managers;  
Motorized Recreation Coordinator.
  - (b) *Format.* The citation issued for violations of this chapter shall be Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Form P-451, "Uniform Citation" or equivalent, except for certain violations of §§ 19.12 and 19.23, where State Form GF-116, "Wisconsin Uniform Citation Underage Alcohol Offenses or Harassment" or current equivalent, shall be used.

(O-7-01; O-8-03; O-16-13; O-12-15; O-05-21; O-29-23)

**Sec. 19.14. Schedule of cash deposits, County parks.**

Section	Title	Deposit
19.01(4)	Closing Hours	\$30.00
19.01(5)	Fees, Charges and Deposits	20.00
19.01(6)(a)	Additional Rules	20.00

19.01(7)(b)	Private Construction	50.00
19.02(1)	Public Meetings	40.00
19.02(2)	Sales	40.00
19.02(3)	Soliciting Boat Rides	40.00
19.02(4)	Posting Bills or Advertising	40.00
19.03(1)	Personal Conduct	40.00
19.03(2)	Property of Others	50.00
19.03(3)	Unreasonable Noise	20.00
19.03(4)	Jumping and Diving	20.00
19.03(5)	Swimming and Wading	10.00
19.03(6)	Docks and Piers	10.00
19.03(7)	Obstructing	40.00
19.04(1)(a)	Deface, Remove or Destroy (Plus Restitution for Damages)	50.00
19.04(1)(b)	Prospecting Prohibited	50.00
19.04(1)(c)	Entry and Manipulation	30.00
19.04(2)(a)	Washing	20.00
19.04(2)(b)	Fish and Game Cleaning	20.00
19.04(2)(c)	Refuse	50.00
19.04(2)(d)	Dispensing Beverages	50.00
19.05(1)	Vehicular Traffic	40.00
19.05(3)	Abandoned Vehicles	40.00
19.06(1)	Fires	30.00
19.06(2)	Fireworks	30.00
19.06(3)	Firearms	50.00
19.06(4)	Shooting Range Park	50.00
19.06(5)	Throwing or Shooting Projectiles	30.00
19.07(1)	Animals in Public Facilities	10.00
19.07(2)	Animals Running at Large	10.00
19.07(3)	Howling Animals	10.00
19.07(4)	Animal Feces	10.00
19.07(5)	Horses	10.00
19.07(6)	Hunting and Trapping	50.00
19.08	Athletics	10.00
19.09(1)	Food and Beverage	10.00
19.09(2)	Boundary Buoys	50.00
19.09(3)	Beach Athletics	10.00
19.09(4)	Bathing Dress	10.00
19.09(5)	Changing Clothing	10.00
19.10(2)(a)	Camping Prohibited	20.00
19.10(2)(c)	Camping Limited, Camping Permit	20.00
19.10(2)(d)	Camping Limited, Designated Campgrounds	20.00

19.10(2)(e)	Campsite Occupancy	20.00
19.10(2)(f)	Campsite Changes	10.00
19.10(2)(g)	Camping Permit Expiration	10.00
19.10(2)(i)	Campsite Entry Hours	10.00
19.10(2)(j)	Campsite Parking	10.00
19.10(2)(l)	Camping Party Membership	10.00
19.10(2)(m)	Campsite Capacity	10.00
19.10(2)(n)	Camping Contrary to Posted Notice	20.00
19.10(2)(p)	Campground Quiet Hours	20.00
19.11(1)	Mission Lake Boating Regulations	30.00
19.11(2)	Motor Boats, Sunny Vale Lake	30.00
19.11(3)	State Boating and Water Safety Laws Adopted	50.00

(O-7-01; O-8-03; O-16-13; O-17-15; O-4-19)

## WAUSAU CITY PARKS

### Sec. 19.15. General administration and terms.

- (1) *Terms.*
  - (a) *Park and Recreation Committee.* The term "Park and Recreation Committee", composed of five members, is the committee of jurisdiction for City of Wausau parklands, hereafter referred to as the "Committee" in this subchapter.
  - (b) *City parks.* The terms "City park", "Wausau parks" and "park" mean all lands and water previously and subsequently acquired by the City of Wausau for park or recreational purposes or placed under the jurisdiction of the Committee and include, without limitation, parks, boulevards, triangles, swimming pools and privately owned lands, the use of which has been granted or leased to the City for park, recreational or like public purposes under this subchapter.
  - (c) *Director.* The Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, whose head shall be the Director, shall be the administrative or executive agency of the Committee. The Director shall be the authorized agent of the Committee as referred to in this subchapter.
- (2) *Scope.* The provisions of this subchapter shall apply to all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the City of Wausau and under the management, supervision and control of the Committee.
- (3) *Closing hours.* No person shall enter or be in any City park between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except persons in attendance of an event involving rental of a shelter or participation in a sanctioned special event shall be allowed to remain within the park until midnight or as allowed by the event agreement. Persons traveling on the River Edge Trail or on walkways traversing The 400 Block and persons transporting watercraft to and from designated boat landings are permitted at any hour. [WMC 9.20.020(b)]
- (4) *Permit to plant, remove, maintain and protect trees and shrubs.* No person shall plant trees or shrubs in any public area within the City of Wausau unless a written permit is first obtained from the City Forester. No person shall trim, prune, remove, treat, spray, inject, fertilize, brace, do surgery work, cut above or below ground or otherwise disturb any tree or shrub in any public area without obtaining a written permit from the

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City Forester. The permittee shall adhere to the arboricultural specifications and standards of workmanship set forth in the permit. A permit shall not be required to water trees and shrubs. [WMC 12.56.080]

- (5) *Fees and charges.* No person shall use any facility, shelter, land or other area, for which a fee or charge has been established by the Committee, without payment of such fee or charge prior to the use. [WMC 9.20.020(i)]
- (6) *Additional rules.* Rules and regulations may be made governing the use and enjoyment of all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the City of Wausau and under the management, supervision and control of the Committee. No person shall disregard posted rules and regulations or engage in any activity contrary to posted notice. Any person who shall violate such rules and regulations or who refuses to subject himself or herself thereto may be excluded from the use of such facilities. The decision of the Director to exclude individuals from use of park facilities shall be final and the City of Wausau elects not to be bound by the provisions of Chapter 68, Wisconsin Statutes, with respect to administrative procedure in this regard. [WMC 9.20.020(o)]

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### **Sec. 19.16. Public meetings and sales.**

- (1) *Public meetings.* No person shall give or take part in any entertainment or exhibition or hold any public meeting or engage in public speaking in any City park without written consent of the City of Wausau. [WMC 9.20.020(d)]
- (2) *Sales.* No person shall sell or offer for sale any goods, wares or merchandise in any City park, except as authorized by the City of Wausau and when holding proper licenses. [WMC 9.20.020(e)]
- (3) *Posting bills or advertising.* No person shall distribute or post bills or advertisements in any City park without written consent of the City of Wausau. [WMC 9.20.020(c)]

(O-8-03; O-16-13)

### **Sec. 19.17. Personal conduct and nuisances.**

- (1) *Personal conduct.* No person shall engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which the conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance in any City park. [WMC 9.04.010 adopting § 947.01, Wis. Stats.]
- (2) *Unreasonable noise.* No person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonably loud sounds or noises under circumstances which tend to annoy or disturb others. No person shall operate a loudspeaker within any Wausau park, except upon written permit issued by the Committee or its authorized agent upon such terms and conditions as will ensure that the public peace and order will not be unreasonably disturbed. [WMC 9.04.030]
- (3) *Jumping and diving.* No person shall jump, dive, or otherwise launch themselves from any bridge or approach thereto into any body of water within any Wausau park. [WMC 9.22.020]
- (4) *Swimming and wading.* No person shall swim or wade within 50 feet of boat launch ramps at any Wausau park except for the express purpose of launching or landing watercraft. [WMC 9.22.010]
- (5) *Docks and piers.* No person shall use docks or piers adjacent to any boat landing in any manner as to obstruct or hinder the launching, landing, loading or unloading of watercraft. [WMC 9.20.020(k)]
- (6) *Obstructing.* No person shall knowingly obstruct a ranger or any law enforcement officer while the ranger or law enforcement officer is doing any act in an official capacity and with lawful authority. Obstruct includes

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without limitation knowingly giving false information with intent to mislead the ranger or law enforcement officer in the performance of duty including the issuance of any citation. [WMC 9.20.020(m)]

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**Sec. 19.18. Destruction, entry, cleaning and refuse.**

- (1) *Damage to trees and shrubs.* No person shall in any public area of the City: break, injure, mutilate, kill or destroy any tree or shrub; permit any animal under his control to do so; permit any fire to injure any portion of any tree or shrub; permit any leak to exist in any gas line within the root zone of any tree or shrub; permit any toxic chemical to seep, drain or be emptied on or about any tree or shrub; or permit electric wires to come in contact with any tree or shrub. During building operations, the builder shall erect suitable protective barriers around public trees and shrubs which may be injured after first giving written notice to the City Forester. [WMC 12.56.040]
- (2) *Fastening materials to trees and shrubs.* No person shall fasten any sign, rope, wire or other materials to or around or through any public trees or shrubs in the City of Wausau without obtaining a written permit from the City Forester, except in emergencies. [WMC 12.56.050]
- (3) *Littering.*
  - (a) No person shall throw any glass, rubbish, waste or filth upon the streets, parks or upon the surface of any body of water within the City. [WMC 9.04.040]
  - (b) No person shall upset or turn over the contents of any recyclable or nonrecyclable solid waste container in any City park. [WMC 6.44.070(b)]
  - (c) No person shall deposit or leave any residential or commercial waste material in any waste receptacle or other area in any City park. [WMC 6.44.070(a)]
- (4) *Hot ashes and combustible materials.* No person shall deposit hot ashes, cinders, smouldering coals or greasy or oily substances liable to spontaneous ignition into any combustible receptacle or place the same within ten feet of any combustible material within any City park. [WMC 17.28.010]
- (5) *Dispensing beverages.* No vendor shall dispense beverages in any cup, glass, flask, bottle or other container made of glass or other shatterable material designed or used for holding a beverage at any outdoor fair, game, attraction, event, or public function. This prohibition does not apply to vendors at any of the above-listed activities serving sit-down meals where the beverage containers are washed and reused. All beverage vendors at any of the above-listed activities shall use recyclable beverage containers and provide adequate collection facilities for the recycling of all beverage containers so used. [WMC 6.28.010]
- (6) *Metal and glass beverage containers and carry-ins.* No person shall carry into, possess, or throw any cup, glass, flask, bottle or other container made of glass or other shatterable material designed or used for holding a beverage in or on the amphitheater at Marathon Park, and the grandstand and bleachers at Athletic Park. All beverage vendors must dispense beverages at the above-listed locations in either paper or plastic cups which may be enclosed with snap-on plastic lids only. [WMC 9.20.020(g)]
- (7) *Entry.* No person shall enter in any way any building, facility or area that may be under construction or locked or closed to public use or enter or be upon any building, facility or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time or contrary to posted notice in any City park. [WMC 9.20.020(j)]
- (8) *Deface, remove or destroy.* No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants or other natural growth; disturb or remove shoreline rip-rap; carve on any rocks, archaeological or geological features, signs, walls or structures; drive nails in trees or move, deface or vandalize in any manner

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any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables or other park property. Edible fruits, nuts, wild mushrooms and wild asparagus may be picked or gathered without a permit. [WMC 9.20.020(q)]

(O-7-01; O-8-03; O-16-13)

## **Sec. 19.19. Vehicles.**

### **(1) Vehicular traffic.**

- (a) No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 15 mph or contrary to official traffic signs in any City park. [WMC 9.20.010(a)]
- (b) No person shall, within any City park, by or through the use of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, snowmobile or minibike, under circumstances which tend to cause or provoke a disturbance or annoy one or more persons, engage in violent, abusive, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct, including but not limited to unnecessary or deliberate or intentional: spinning of wheels; squealing of tires; revving of the engine; blowing the horn; causing the engine to backfire; or causing the vehicle, while commencing to move or in motion, to raise one or more of its wheels off the ground. [WMC 10.01.011]
- (c) No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle except as provided in this subchapter, upon any hiking trail, beach area, playground, picnic area or any other area other than established roads, parking areas, boat ramps and service areas or contrary to posted notice or within any City park seasonally closed to vehicular traffic. [9.20.010(b)]
- (d) No person shall operate a snowmobile as defined in §340.01(58a), Wis. Stats., in any City park, except on snowmobile trails approved by or for events authorized by the Committee. [WMC 9.20.010(c)]

### **(2) Parking.**

- (a) No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle, obstruction or watercraft:
  - 1. In any manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, sidewalk, parking lot, boat landing, waterway or winter sport facility. [WMC 9.20.010(d)(1)]
  - 2. Outside of any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use such areas. [WMC 9.20.010(d)(2)]
  - 3. Contrary to posted notice. [WMC 9.20.010(d)(3)]
- (b) No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, whether temporarily or otherwise, in areas reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying registration plates or identification cards which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person as defined in § 346.505, Wis. Stats. [WMC 10.01.080(c)]
- (c) No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, whether temporary or otherwise, in areas designated as fire lanes with signs or marked curbs. [WMC 10.01.080(c)]
- (d) The forfeiture for a violation of paragraph (a) shall be \$10.00. The forfeiture for a violation of paragraph (b) or (c) shall be \$30.00. In the event that the violator fails to appear in court on the date and time indicated on the citation, or fails to enter a "not guilty" plea by mail by the court date, or fails to stipulate to the violation by posting the forfeiture required in the office of the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department at the address indicated on the citation by the court date, said forfeiture shall be ordered by the court in default and shall be increased by the

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amount of \$30.00 as a penalty for failure to pay in a timely fashion, for a total forfeiture of \$40.00 for a violation of paragraph (a) and \$60.00 for violation of paragraph (b) or (c).

- (e) The provisions of § 345.28, Wis. Stats., and any subsequent amendments thereto, are specifically adopted and incorporated herein by reference. If the alleged violator fails to pay the amount of the forfeiture as provided herein, or to appear in court, the County may take any or all of the actions authorized under § 345.28, Wis. Stats. [WMC 10.01.080(h)]
- (3) *Abandoned vehicles.* No person shall leave any vehicle unattended without approval of the Committee or its authorized agent for more than 48 hours under such circumstance as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. An abandoned vehicle shall constitute a public nuisance and be subject to removal at the owners expense. [WMC 10.08.040] Removal of the vehicle shall not relieve the owner or the operator of the vehicle from any penalty incurred because of such violation. [WMC 10.20.045]

(O-7-01; O-8-03; O-16-13)

### **Sec. 19.20. Fires, fireworks, firearms, missiles.**

- (1) *Fires.* No fires shall be permitted in any park other than The 400 Block, except for cooking purposes at designated places. No person shall grill on The 400 Block, with the exception of those special events for which waivers are granted upon the recommendation of the public health and safety committee and approval of the Wausau Common Council. Open fires utilizing liquid gas or gas fuels may be permitted on The 400 Block with the written consent of the City of Wausau. [WMC 9.20.020(a)]
- (2) *Fireworks.* Section 167.10, Wis. Stats., regulating the sale and use of fireworks, exclusive of penalties, is adopted by reference as part of this subchapter. [WMC 9.12.010]
- (3) *Firearms.*
  - (a) No person, except a law enforcement officer, shall discharge any firearm, rifle, bow, arrow, spear, spring or air gun of any description in any Wausau park provided that this section shall not prevent the maintenance and use of supervised rifle or pistol ranges or shooting galleries authorized by the Wausau Common Council. This subsection shall be deemed to prohibit hunting in Wausau parks. [WMC 9.08.010(a)]
  - (b) Unless other facts and circumstances that indicate a criminal or malicious intent on the part of the person apply, a person is not in violation of, and may not be charged with a violation of, this section for loading, carrying, or going armed with a firearm, without regard to whether the firearm is loaded or is concealed or openly carried. [WMC 9.08.010(c)]
  - (c) This section does not apply and may not be enforced if the actor's conduct is justified or, had it been subject to a criminal penalty, would have been subject to a defense described in §939.45, Wis. Stats. [WMC 9.08.010(d)]
  - (d) No person, except a law enforcement officer, shall enter any building, facility, or location open to the public that is restricted by state law or posted as a no firearms or concealed weapons location while possessing, carrying, or concealing a firearm or weapon, whether with or without a state permit. [WMC 9.08.030(c)]
- (4) *Throwing or shooting projectiles.* No person shall throw or shoot any object, arrow, stone, snowball or other missile or projectile, by hand or any other means, at any other person or at, in or into any building, street, sidewalk, park, playground or other public place within the City. This subsection shall not apply to archery ranges under the supervision of the Committee. [WMC 9.08.020]

(O-7-01; O-8-03; O-16-13)

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## Sec. 19.21. Animals.

- (1) *Animals in public facilities.* No person having immediate custody, care or control of any animal, shall permit said animal to enter and/or remain in or about any designated public park building, bathing beach, or playground safety surface area in any City park, except for a dog specially trained to lead blind or deaf persons or to provide support for mobility-impaired persons. [WMC 9.20.020(h)]
- (2) *Animals running at large.*
  - (a) *Restricted.* No person shall own, keep, possess or harbor a dog or cat or other animal and allow such animal to run at large in any City park. [WMC 8.08.190(a)] The animal shall be considered as running at large when it is not on the premises of its owner, unless it is on a leash no more than six feet in length, is in or upon a vehicle, or is in or on the property of another who does not object to the presence of such animal, is in a park, other than The 400 Block, on a leash no more than 16 feet in length or is part of a 4-H project, is on a display for judging purposes, is in an itinerant or transient carnival, circus or other like show, is in a dog or cat show or trial, or is part of the program of a public or private educational institution, or in an officially designated off-leash area in the following parks:
    1. Oak Island Park - 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
    2. Picnic Island Park - 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
    3. Memorial Park - 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. [WMC 8.08.190(b)]
  - (b) The 400 Block. No animals shall be allowed in The 400 Block park during organized special events as approved by the city unless one of the following conditions are met:
    1. The animal is performing in or on display for an event or show approved as part of a special event;
    2. A person with a disability is being accompanied by an assistance dog trained for that person;
    3. An emergency services worker is being accompanied by a dog trained to assist police, fire or paramedics.
  - (c) *Definitions.* The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

*Assistance dog.* Any dog that has been or is being trained as a guide dog, hearing dog, or service dog. Such terms are further defined as follows:

*Guide dog.* Any dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a particular blind or visually impaired person.

*Hearing dog.* Any dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a particular deaf or hard of hearing person.

*Service dog.* Any dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a person with a disability other than sight or hearing. [WMC 8.08.190(c)]
  - (d) No person shall allow a dog or any other animal on cross-country ski trails during that period of the year when such trails are open for cross-country skiing in any City of Wausau park. [WMC 9.20.020(r)]
- (3) *Howling animals.* No person shall own, keep, possess or harbor any animal in any City park which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking or wailing disturbs other persons. [WMC 8.08.230]
- (4) *Animal feces.*



- (a) The owner or person having immediate care, custody or control of a dog or other animal shall promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any feces left or deposited by the animal upon any City park. [WMC 8.08.220(a)]
  - (b) No person shall permit a dog or other animal to be in any City park unless such person has, in his immediate possession, an appropriate means of removing animal feces. [WMC 8.08.220(b)]
  - (5) *Removing animals.* No person shall allow a dog or other animal to intimidate any other person from the use or enjoyment of any City park. Evidence that a dog or other animal intimidates persons includes, but is not limited to, such animal not being amenable to control or threatening to attack persons or other animals. Any law enforcement officer or ranger may order the animal be removed from the park. [WMC 9.20.020(p)]
  - (6) *Hunting and trapping.* No person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue, feed or otherwise disturb any wild animals or birds in any City park, except that nuisance animals may be trapped upon written consent of the Committee or its authorized agent and in accordance with applicable state statutes and applicable provisions of the Wisconsin Administrative Code setting forth regulations of the Department of Natural Resources. [WMC 9.20.020(n)]
- (O-7-01; O-8-03; O-16-13; O-19-14)

**Sec. 19.22. Athletics.**

- (1) *Golf.* No person shall play or practice golf in any City park. [WMC 9.20.020(f)]
  - (2) *Roller skates, skateboards, and scooters.* No person shall ride, push or travel upon roller skates, skateboards, or scooters within any building or facility not specifically intended for such use including, but not limited to, tennis courts, benches, tables, bleachers or on docks and piers adjacent to any boat landing, except in designated areas and in accordance with posted regulations. [WMC 12.44.035(a)(5)]
  - (3) *Ice skating.* No person shall play or practice hockey, broomball or any other games or sports that may interfere with casual ice skaters, when casual skaters are present on outdoor ice skating rinks established by the Committee, except hockey and broomball may be played on designated hockey rinks. [WMC 9.20.020(l)]
- (O-7-01; O-8-03; O-16-13)

**Sec. 19.23. Jurisdiction over minors and underage persons.**

Any and all County ordinances conferring jurisdiction on the Circuit Court for persons 12 years of age or older, including all subsequent amendments and/or revisions thereto, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this section.

(O-7-01)

**Sec. 19.24. Schedule of cash deposits, Wausau parks.**

Section	Title	Deposit
19.15(3)	Closing Hours	\$30.00
19.15(5)	Fees and Charges	20.00
19.15(6)	Additional Rules	20.00
19.16(1)	Public Meetings	40.00
19.16(2)	Sales	40.00

19.16(3)	Posting Bills or Advertising	40.00
19.17(1)	Personal Conduct	40.00
19.17(2)	Unreasonable Noise	20.00
19.17(3)	Jumping and Diving	20.00
19.17(4)	Swimming and Wading	10.00
19.17(5)	Docks and Piers	10.00
19.17(6)	Obstructing	40.00
19.18(1)	Damage to Trees and Shrubs (Plus Restitution for Damages)	50.00
19.18(2)	Fastening Materials to Trees and Shrubs	10.00
19.18(3)	Littering	50.00
19.18(4)	Hot Ashes and Combustible Materials	50.00
19.18(5)	Dispensing Beverages	50.00
19.18(6)	Metal and Glass Beverage Containers and Carry-ins	10.00
19.18(7)	Entry	30.00
19.18(8)	Deface, Remove or Destroy (Plus Restitution for Damages)	50.00
19.19(1)	Vehicular Traffic	40.00
19.19(3)	Abandoned Vehicles	40.00
19.20(1)	Fires	30.00
19.20(2)	Fireworks	30.00
19.20(3)	Firearms	50.00
19.20(4)	Throwing or Shooting Projectiles	30.00
19.21(1)	Animals in Public Facilities	10.00
19.21(2)	Animals Running at Large	10.00
19.21(2)(d)	Animals on Ski Trails	10.00
19.21(3)	Howling Animals	10.00
19.21(4)	Animal Feces	10.00
19.21(5)	Removing Animals	30.00
19.21(6)	Hunting and Trapping	50.00
19.22	Athletics	10.00

(O-7-01; O-8-03; O-16-13; O-17-15; O-4-19)

**Secs. 19.25—19.29. Reserved.**

## LAKE WAUSAU

### Sec. 19.30. Lake Wausau management committee.

- (1) *Agreement.* Pursuant to § 66.30, Wis. Stats., the Cities of Wausau and Schofield, Village of Rothschild, Towns of Stettin and Rib Mountain and the County enter into an agreement to create the Lake Wausau Management Committee.
- (2) *Membership.*

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- (a) The Committee shall consist of two representatives from each of the participating municipalities and each representative's nomination to the Committee shall be confirmed by its governing body. The term of the representatives shall be for two years. One representative from each participating municipality shall be appointed in an odd year, the other shall be appointed in an even year.
  - (b) Each representative shall have one vote.
- (3) *Purpose.* The Committee shall be organized to:
- (a) Oversee activities and developments affecting the public health, safety and welfare concerning Lake Wausau and its contiguous waters within the boundaries of the participating municipalities including, but not limited to:
    - 1. Ways of protecting and enhancing the natural beauty of the lake.
    - 2. Land uses.
    - 3. Lake uses.
    - 4. Conflicting lake uses.
    - 5. Shoreline management issues.
    - 6. Water user safety issues.
    - 7. Long-term water quality goals and issues.
  - (b) Propose uniform ordinances for adoption by the participating municipalities for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare and which will protect or enhance the opportunities for public enjoyment of the lake.
  - (c) Study and make recommendations concerning the provision of uniform law enforcement services on Lake Wausau and its contiguous waters within the boundaries of the participating municipalities.
- (4) *Officers.* The Committee shall elect from its membership a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting which will occur in May of each year. The terms of the officers shall be for one year.
- (5) *Duties.*
- (a) *Chairman.* The chairman shall call and preside over all regular and special meetings of the Committee.
  - (b) *Vice-chairman.* The vice-chairman in the absence of the chair shall perform any and all duties of the chair.
  - (c) *Secretary.* The secretary shall take minutes and maintain a record of all committee business. The secretary shall also provide for timely publication and distribution of all notices of Committee business.
- (6) *Rules.*
- (a) "Robert's Rules" shall govern all Committee activities, unless otherwise provided herein.
  - (b) A quorum shall be constituted by a majority of the representatives and of the municipality's presence at a Committee activity. A municipality shall be counted as present when one representative from that municipality is present.
  - (c) All appropriate State statutes concerning open meetings and records shall apply to the Committee.
- (7) *Powers.*

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- (a) The Committee shall have the power to enter into contracts and agreements upon designation of an appropriate officer to enter into the contracts or agreements. Prior to the execution of contracts, funding shall be obtained from the participating municipalities or from other sources.
  - (b) The officers may at their discretion appoint such committees as shall be necessary from time to time.

(R-36-92)

**RESOLUTION #R-1-24**

**TO ALLOCATE UP TO \$50,000.00 OF MARATHON COUNTY'S OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING A GAP ANALYSIS OF CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR TREATMENT AND RECOVERY IN MARATHON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 65.90(5)(a) dictates that appropriations in the Marathon County budget may not be modified unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the opioid litigation, where Marathon County was a Participating Subdivision in the Settlement Agreement, Marathon County was required to establish the Opioid Abatement Account for the receipt of opioid settlement proceeds, which account and proceeds must be kept separate from the County's general fund, cannot be commingled with any other County funds, and must be dedicated to funding opioid abatement measures as provided in the opioid litigation Settlement Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), whose principal mission is to improve the administration of justice and promote public safety through community collaboration, planning, research and education, was tasked with determining feasible and effective opioid remediation strategies that are in line with the "opioid remediation efforts" and approved uses as outlined in the in the opioid litigation Settlement Agreement and providing recommendations for how these funds are to be utilized; and

**WHEREAS**, specific to Marathon County, CJCC recommends and encourages the utilization of settlement funds to conduct a GAP analysis of continuum of care for treatment and recovery within Marathon County; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Health Educators with the Marathon County Health Department facilitated five (5) meetings using the Results-based Accountability Framework, an evidence based decision making model to determine a result, select indicators, and rank strategies, to evaluate and rank different options and strategies for how Marathon County could potentially utilize the opioid litigation settlement funds; and

**WHEREAS**, CJCC's recommendation to conduct a gap analysis of the continuum of care for treatment and recovery was ranked as the priority strategy by the Marathon County Health Department and CJCC's recommendation was ultimately endorsed and approved by the Health and Human Services and Public Safety Committees to move for consideration before the Marathon County Board; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the CJCC's recommendation to conduct a gap analysis of continuum of care for treatment and recovery in Marathon County is adopted by the Marathon County Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Marathon County Board approves the allocation of up to \$50,000.00 of opioid litigation settlement funds to be utilized for the purpose of conducting a GAP analysis of continuum of care for treatment and recovery in Marathon County and, therefore, authorizes and directs the budget transfers as listed below:

Transfer from: 291 Grants Fund GR-007128 Opioid Abatement Grant CC\_51500 Non-government Grant Revenue RC\_48900 Other Misc Revenues

Transfer to: 291 Grants Fund GR-007128 Opioid Abatement Grant- Marathon County Health Department Cost Center SC\_52111 Mediation and Study Services

Amount: \$50,000.00

Re: Gap Analysis of Continuum of Care for Treatment and Recovery within Marathon County

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Class 1 Notice of this transaction be published within ten (10) days of its adoption.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Marathon County Clerk to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Marathon County Treasurer to honor said checks.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proper officers of Marathon County are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to affect this policy.

Respectfully submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2024.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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**Fiscal Note:** An increase in revenues and expenditures in the 2024 budget by \$50,000 and no additional tax levy would be appropriated for this transfer.

**RESOLUTION # R-2-24**

**APPROVE 2024 BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR MARATHON COUNTY  
WOMEN UNITED IMPACT GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, Section 65.90(5)(a) dictates that appropriations in the Marathon County budget may not be modified unless authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the County Board of Supervisors, and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee has reviewed and does recommend the 2024 transfers listed below, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Marathon County Board of Supervisors authorize and direct the budget transfers as listed below:

Transfer from:	Social Services CC_54515 Child Support RC_46600 Local government Revenues
Transfer to:	Social Services CC_54515 Child Support SC_57170 Direct Payments
Amount:	\$7,000
Re:	Women United Impact Grant

That a Class 1 Notice of this transaction be published within (10) days of its adoption;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Marathon County Clerk to issue checks pursuant to this resolution and the Marathon County Treasurer to honor said checks.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proper officers of Marathon County are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to affect this policy.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of January 2024.

**HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

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Fiscal Note: This resolution modifies the revenues and expenditures for various County funds. There is no additional County levy appropriated in this resolution.

**MARATHON COUNTY**  
**Budget Transfer Authorization Request Form**

This form must be completed electronically and emailed to **Season Welle, Kristi Palmer**, and to your Department Head. This email will confirm that your Department Head acknowledges and approves this transfer. Forms that are incomplete, incorrect, out-of-balance, or that have not been sent to your Department Head will be returned. The Finance Department will forward completed forms to the Marathon County Human Resources, Finance & Property Committee.

**DEPARTMENT:**   Social Services  

**BUDGET YEAR:**   2024  

**TRANSFER FROM:**

Action	Account Number	Account Description	Amount
Revenue Increase	CC_54515 Child Support RC_46600 Local Government Women United Impact	Women United Impact Grant-Child Support	\$7,000.00

**TRANSFER TO:**

Action	Account Number	Account Description	Amount
Expenditure Increase	CC_54515 Child Support SC_57170 Women United Impact	DIRECT PAYMENTS	\$7,000.00

I, the undersigned, respectfully request that the Human Resources, Finance & Property Committee approve the following change in budget / transfer of funds as discussed in the attached supplemental information.

**Requested By:**   Stacy Spencer  

**Date Completed:**   1/5/24



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**COMPLETED BY FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Approved by Human Resources, Finance & Property Committee: 1/10/2024 Date Transferred: \_\_\_\_\_

**MARATHON COUNTY**  
**Budget Transfer Authorization Request – Supplemental Information**

Attach this supplemental information to the original Budget Transfer Authorization Request Form. All questions must be completed by the requesting department or the Budget Transfer Authorization Request Form will be returned.

1) What is the name of this Program/Grant? (DO NOT use abbreviations or acronyms)

Women United Impact Grant

2) Provide a brief (2-3 sentence) description of what this program does.

The grant funds are intended for a Non-Custodial Mother's Support Group. This will address a less tangible problem that our customers are facing, which is a lack of a positive support network. This group would give us the opportunity to help women who might be in a position where they feel isolated, because they are not their child(ren)'s primary caregiver. Women involved in this group could have children in foster care, their children could be in guardianships with relatives, children could be living their other parent, or any other circumstances that would result in the child no longer residing with their mother.

3) This program is: (Check one)

An Existing Program.

A New Program.

4) What is the reason for this budget transfer?

Carry-over of Fund Balance.

Increase/Decrease in Grant Funding for Existing Program.

Increase/Decrease in Non-Grant Funding (such as tax levy, donations, or fees) for Existing Program.

Set up Initial Budget for New Grant Program.

Set up Initial Budget for New Non-Grant Program

Other. Please explain: [Click here to enter description](#)

5) If this Program is a Grant, is there a "Local Match" Requirement?

This Program is not a Grant.

This Program is a Grant, but there is no Local Match requirement.

This Program is a Grant, and there is a Local Match requirement of: (Check one)

Cash (such as tax levy, user fees, donations, etc.)

Non-cash/In-Kind Services: (Describe) [Click here to enter description](#)

6) Does this Transfer Request increase any General Ledger 8000 Account Codes? (Capital Outlay Accounts)

No.

Yes, the Amount is Less than \$30,000.

Yes, the Amount is \$30,000 or more AND: (Check one)

The capital request HAS been approved by the CIP Committee.

The capital request HAS NOT been approved by the CIP Committee.

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**COMPLETED BY FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Is 10% of this program appropriation unit or fund? \_\_\_\_\_

Is a Budget Transfer Resolution Required? \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION # R - 3 - 24**  
**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE 2023 WISCONSIN SENATE BILL 877**  
**AND 2023 WISCONSIN ASSEMBLY BILL 940**

**WHEREAS**, on January 5, 2024, Senate Bill 877 was introduced into the Wisconsin State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2024, Assembly Bill 940 was introduced into the Wisconsin State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the bills seek to amend various sections of Wisconsin Statutes relating to the funding of victim services and domestic abuse services, training for grant recipients, grants to child advocacy centers, and makes respective appropriations to ensure adequate funding for these activities in light of impending federal government funding cuts; and

**WHEREAS**, under current federal law, the funding provided for local victim services and domestic abuse services, training for grant recipients, and grants to child advocacy centers in connection with the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) is anticipated to be reduced substantially; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the Women’s Community funding via VOCA will be reduced in excess of \$234,000 in October of 2024, and the funding for the Child Advocacy Center of North Central Wisconsin anticipates funding to be reduced by approximately 50% in connection with the VOCA reductions in 2023-2025; and

**WHEREAS**, in July of 2021, the federal government has adopted the VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021, which is intended to enhance the collection of revenue necessary to sustain VOCA activities across the county; however, the collection of revenue and the subsequent allocation of funding will not mitigate the cuts anticipated through fiscal year 2024-25; and

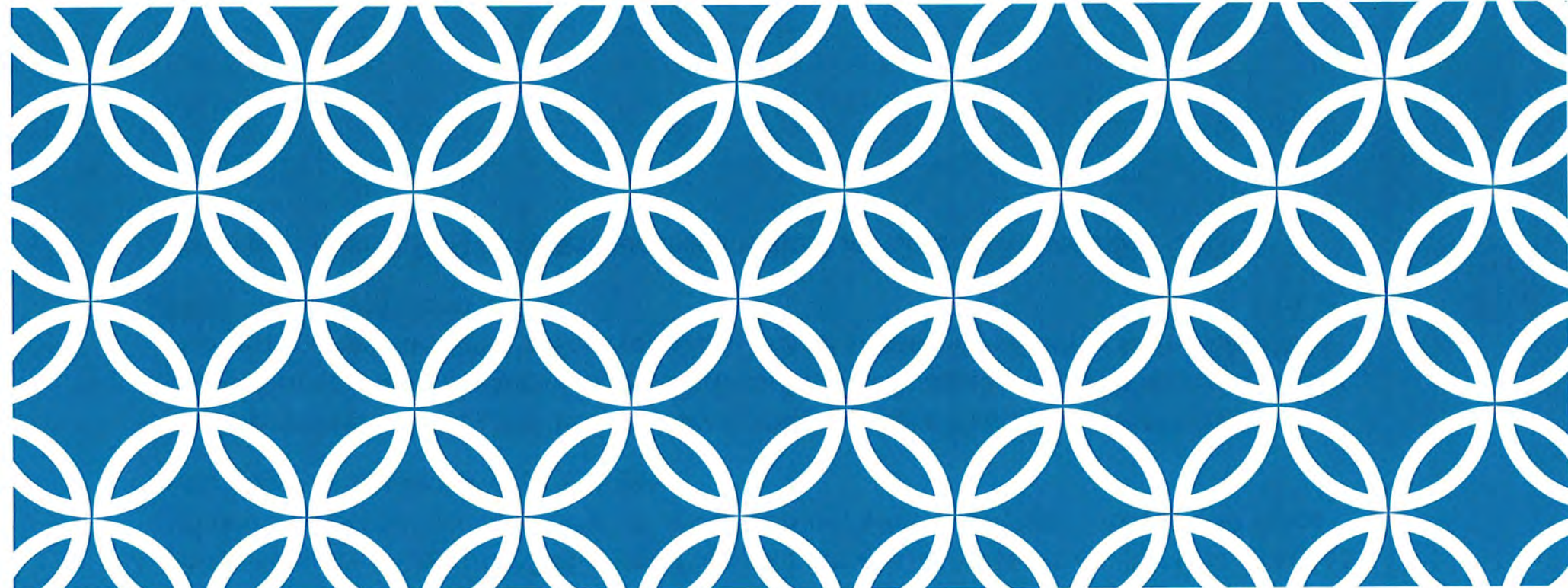
**WHEREAS**, the services provided by the Women’s Community and the Child Advocacy Center of North Central Wisconsin through their respective VOCA allocations are critical to our communities, particularly victims of domestic violence and child victims of crime.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby endorse 2023 Senate Bill 877 and 2023 Assembly Bill 94 and instructs the Marathon County Administrator to submit a statement in favor of the legislation on behalf of Marathon County to Marathon County legislators, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2024.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**


Fiscal Impact: None.



**CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER  
OF  
NORTH CENTRAL  
WISCONSIN**

**Federal, State  
& Local Funding**

January 2024

# WHAT IS A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER?

Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) are the **ONE** non-profit to serve as the first stop for children suspected to be victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and those who have witnessed a violent crime.

CACs provide a safe, child-friendly environment where law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, medical and mental health professionals may share information and develop effective, coordinated strategies sensitive to the needs of each unique case and child.

Last year, over **7,000 children** received critical services at Wisconsin's CACs.

# FUNDING SOURCES:

## Federal Funding – VOCA (Victims of Crime Act)

- Funds created by Congress in 1984 to provide federal support to state and local programs that assist victims of crime; uses non-taxpayer money from the Crime Victims Fund for programs that serve victims of crime. Funds are generated by fines paid by federal criminals to support services for over 6 million victims of all types of crime.
- Between 2015-18, Congress released substantially larger sums from this fund. This enabled our CAC to add a mental health therapist to provide trauma-focused therapy to children alleged to be victims of abuse and neglect, at no cost to the family.
- Since 2019, the VOCA funds released annually had steadily decreased. This is largely due to shrinking deposits due to prosecutorial strategies that changed over the last decade.
- In summary, when deposits into the Crime Victims Funds are reduced the amount allocated to states for victims is also reduced.
- Wisconsin is currently awarded \$44.5 million in VOCA funds ending September 30th.
- Wisconsin's anticipated VOCA funding for 2024-25 is between \$13-15 million; an approximate \$30 million reduction

• Source: National Network to End Domestic Violence

# VOCA FUNDING FIX:

## VOCA Fix Act

- Legislation amended the law to deposit penalties and fines from non-prosecution and deferred prosecution agreements into the Crime Victims Fund.

## VOCA Legislative Fix

- In July 2021, President Biden signed the VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021 into law. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> step needed to sustain funding for victims.

• Source: National Network to End Domestic Violence

# CURRENT VOCA FUNDING

VOCA Fix Act was critical first step

Legislative changes will take time and new cases to replenish funds to 2018 levels.

Local funded programs face substantial funding reductions of 50% or greater over the next few years; Wisconsin anticipates a \$30 million reduction for 2024-25.

VOCA funding is currently used to support personnel essential to the daily operations of the CAC. This includes:

- 2 part time Forensic Interviewers
- 1 full time Advocate Case Manager
- 1 Licensed Mental Health Therapist (Behavioral Health Consultant)



# STATE FUNDING OF CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS

Wisconsin currently allocates \$17,000 per year to each of the 15 CACs across the state = annual state allocation of \$255,000

This amount pales in comparison to neighboring states and annual allocations:

- Illinois - \$11 million
- North Dakota - \$ 6.75 million
- Indiana \$ 1.5 million
- Michigan - \$ 1.3 million
- Iowa - \$ 1.07 million

# SENATE BILL 877

Now is a critical time for Wisconsin to invest in its most vulnerable children and families. CACs provide healing, trust, and justice to child victims of maltreatment. Wisconsin CACs need funding to provide direct services to child victims, including forensic interviewing, mental health services, victim advocacy, medical evaluations, and more

Local Rep. Patrick Snyder, R-Schofield, co-sponsored a stand-alone bill requesting \$250,000 be allocated for each of Wisconsin's CACs, as well as an additional \$250,000 for the State Chapter.

This funding request is to enhance the multidisciplinary response to suspected child maltreatment and will need to be revisited every 2 years during budget discussions.

# MARATHON COUNTY MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)

The Marathon County MDT is an active team utilizing the CAC on a regular basis to aid in the investigation of child maltreatment, as well as potential prosecution of criminal acts.

The MDT is comprised of several stakeholders:

- Marathon County District Attorney's Office – Prosecution
- Marathon County Department of Social Services – Child Protective Services
- All Law Enforcement agencies in Marathon County - Law Enforcement.
- Marshfield Medical Center/Dr. Carolyn Nash & SANE Program – Medical
- The Women's Community - Advocacy
- Probation & Parole
- Wausau & DC Everest School Districts

## MARATHON COUNTY MDT (CONTINUED):

Children suspected of child maltreatment are referred to the Child Advocacy Center by law enforcement, child protective services and the district attorney's office.

Children seen at the CAC are interviewed by a specially trained forensic interviewer and all interviews are recorded and shared with investigators.

In addition, children and families are provided advocacy services and support through a Co-Advocacy model consisting of our on-site Advocate Case Manager and a community advocate from The Women's Community.

Behavioral Health Consultants are also on hand to provide consultation and interventions as needed, as well as ongoing individual therapy.

The MDT meets monthly to review cases, provide agency updates, as well as training and technical assistance.

# FUNDING ESSENTIAL TO THE CAC AND MDT MODEL

CACs currently utilize \$2.3 million in VOCA funds for direct service. *This means that CACs are at risk of losing essential personnel.* This includes forensic interviewers, victim advocates, mental health professionals, support and administrative staff, and more

An increase in state funding is essential to sustain CACs and their personnel. Potential cuts to these services are likely to have an impact on the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases in our county.

In addition, many children are at risk of losing access to free mental health services to assist in the healing and recovery process.

# CAC EFFORTS TO ADDRESS FUNDING CONCERNS

Nearly half of the 15 CACs in the state also receive local funds (city/county) to help support their centers. The level of funding ranges from less than \$10,000 to nearly \$130,000 per year.

Children's Wisconsin (7 CACs throughout the state) is currently working with the state chapter in providing legislative advocacy in hopes of increasing state funding. Several CAC Directors are participating in Advocacy Day at the Capitol on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Children's Wisconsin Foundation is currently exploring private funding sources, including donations from individual donors, foundations, and corporate donations.

# CONCLUSION

## NEXT STEPS

- Local leaders can reach out to legislators asking them to support Bill 877
- Continued discussions on importance of CACs and the MDT model in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases

Questions:

Thank You on Behalf of Children's Wisconsin and the CAC of North Central Wisconsin