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GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.01 ELECTED OFFICIALS. Elected officials of the County shall be the County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Clerk of Court, District Attorney, Sheriff, Coroner and 21 supervisors.

1.02 APPOINTED OFFICIALS. (Ord. #7-94) The following shall be the officials of County departments who shall be appointed by the County Board for the term indicated below:

<u>Official</u>	Appointed By	<u>Term</u>
Administrative Coordinator	County Board	One year*
Aging Department Director	County Board	Indefinite
Airport Manager	County Board	Contracted
Assistant Administrative Coordinator	County Board	Indefinite
Child Support Office Coordinator	County Board	Indefinite
Corporation Counsel	County Board	Indefinite
Emergency Government Coordinator	County Board	Indefinite
Finance Director	County Board	Indefinite
Forest Administrator	County Board	Indefinite
Health Department Director	County Board	Indefinite
Highway Commissioner	County Board	4 Years**
Human Resource Director	County Board	Indefinite
Information Services Director	County Board	Indefinite
Land Conservation Department Manager	County Board	Indefinite
Land Records Department Manager	County Board	Indefinite
Real Property Lister	County Board	Indefinite
Social Services Department Director	County Board	Indefinite
Surveyor	County Board	Indefinite
Traffic Safety Coordinator	County Board Chairma	n Indefinite
Veteran's Service Officer	County Board	Indefinite***

^{*}concurrent with term as County Board Chairman.

1.03 VACANCIES. Vacancies in elected and appointed positions are caused as provided in 17.03, Wis. Stats., and filled as provided in 17.21 and 17.22, Wis. Stats.

1.04 SALARIES. The salaries for elected officials (Sect. 1.01) shall be established consistent with Section 59.22, Wis. Stats.

1.05 CODE OF ETHICS. The conduct of elected officials, candidates, and employees of Langlade County shall be governed by Sections 19.59, Wis. Stats. (Res. #44-93)

1.07 SMOKING POLICY. (Ord. #2-93)

(1) INTENT. Langlade County finds that tobacco use contributes to health problems, both directly through use of tobacco products and indirectly, to non-tobacco users, through involuntary inhalation of tobacco smoke. This section is enacted to reduce health risks associated with tobacco use in County buildings and vehicles.

^{**}elected by the Board subject to automatic renewal for similar 4 year terms.

^{***}indefinite term after re-election within one year of initial election.

(2) DEFINITIONS.

- (a) Tobacco Products. Has the meaning given in 139.75 (12), Wis. Stats., and includes the following: cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobaccos and other kinds of tobacco suitable for chewing or smoking or both, in a pipe or otherwise.
- (b) Use of Tobacco Products. Smoking, carrying or possessing a lighted tobacco product, chewing tobacco or otherwise using a tobacco product for its intended purpose.
- (c) County Building. Any building owned or leased by the County or the leased portion thereof. This definition includes the Multi-Purpose Building.
 - (d) County Vehicle. Any vehicle owned or leased by Langlade County.
- (e) Smoking will not be allowed at employee work stations, private offices, elevators, conference rooms or areas where smoking may create a potential safety hazard or damage to equipment or machinery in the area.
- (f) Implementation and monitoring of this policy is the responsibility of each department head. Problems due to repeated infractions of this policy should be addressed to the Board of Health. Production and placement of signs will be done by the Public Property Committee with assistance of department heads.
- (3) **TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED**. No person, whether employed by Langlade County or a member of the public, shall use tobacco products in any County building or County vehicle.
- **(4) EXCEPTIONS**. Subsection (3) prohibition does not apply to those areas where there exists a freedom to use tobacco products in accordance with Federal Law or Regulation, or State Statute or Rule.
- **(5) PENALTY**. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall forfeit no more than \$25 for each violation.

COUNTY OFFICIALS

1.10 COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS. The County shall proceed in accordance with 59.10, Wis. Stats., in connection with election and compensation of County Board Supervisors.

1.16 HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER. (Ord. #7-94)

- (1) **APPOINTMENT**. The Highway Commissioner shall be elected by the County Board.
- (2) **TERM**. The Highway Commissioner shall serve a 4-year term.
- (3) VACANCY. The incumbent Highway Commissioner shall hold office until his or her temporary or permanent successor is elected by the County Board. In the event of a vacancy occurring when the County Board is not in session, the County Highway Committee may appoint a temporary successor to the office of Highway Commissioner and the temporary successor shall serve until election of a Highway Commissioner by the County Board.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Revised by ORD. #4-2007)

1.22 VETERAN'S SERVICE COMMISSION. The Veteran's Service Commission shall consist of 3 residents of the County who are veterans, appointed for staggered 3 year terms by the County Board Chairman. See 45.81, Wis. Stats.

1.23 TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION.

- (1) **COMPOSITION**. In addition to the members designated under 83.013(1)(a), Wis. Stats., the County Traffic Safety Commission shall include a woman highway safety leader, a representative of the most populous community and representatives of the disciplines of law, education and medicine.
- (2) COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL. The County Traffic Safety Commission shall also be designated as the County Emergency Medical Services Council. The Traffic Safety Commission shall be expanded to include providers and interested community leaders when convening as the County Emergency Medical Services Council.

1.24 HOUSING AUTHORITY. Pursuant to the applicable provisions of 59.53(22) and Ch. 66, Wis. Stats., the County hereby creates a Housing Authority.

1.25 TRI-COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD.

(1) The County Board hereby authorizes, establishes and appoints members to the Tri-County Human Services Board and such Board will have the advisory and coordinating responsibility and authority outlined by written agreement.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

1.30 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING (ORD. 4-2009)

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2009

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LANGLADE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, pursuant to Section 66.1001 Wisconsin Statutes, does hereby ordain to add a new Section 1.30 entitled "Comprehensive Planning" under the General Government section of the Langlade County Code of Ordinances as follows:

Section 1: Purpose.

The Langlade County Board of Supervisors shall maintain a Comprehensive Plan to provide Langlade County government with a framework for land use planning and a guide for land use decision-making.

Section 2: Contents of the Comprehensive Plan.

- A). The Comprehensive Plan shall contain the following planning elements:
 - (1) Issues and Opportunities.
 - (2) Housing.
 - (3) Transportation.
 - (4) Utilities and Community Facilities.
 - (5) Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources.
 - (6) Economic Development.
 - (7) Intergovernmental Cooperation.
 - (8) Land-Use.
 - (9) Implementation.
- B). The Comprehensive Plan may include any other planning procedures or policies that do not conflict with the planning elements listed in Section 2 (A).

Section 3: Actions and procedures that must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

- A) The following actions of Langlade County government shall be consistent, as set forth herein, with the Comprehensive Plan:
 - (1) Local subdivision regulation under Sections 236.45 or 236.46, Wis. Stats.
 - (2) County zoning ordinances enacted or amended under Section 59.69, Wis. Stats.
 - (3) Zoning of shorelands or wetlands in shorelands under Section 59.692, Wis. Stats.
- B) At the time of adoption or modification of the Comprehensive Plan any action identified by the plan commission in Section 3 (A) that is contrary to the Plan shall be made consistent with the Plan, according to the process outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

C) Consistency between the actions listed in Section 3 (A) and the Plan can be achieved through a Plan amendment or through a revision to the underlying action.

Section 4: Procedure for adopting or modifying the Comprehensive Plan.

- A) The County Board shall adopt a Public Participation Plan designed to foster public participation in the preparation of a Comprehensive Plan.
- B) The Water and Land Use Planning Committee is authorized as the plan commission to prepare or amend a Comprehensive Plan.
- C) The Comprehensive Plan may be adopted or amended upon a resolution of the plan commission to the County Board.
 - D) At least one public hearing is required in order to adopt or amend the Comprehensive Plan.
- E) Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan shall be in the form of an ordinance and shall take effect upon passage and publication.
- F) The Plan should be reviewed by the Plan Commission at least once every 5 years and shall be updated at least once every 10 years. The Future Land Use Plan Map should be reviewed on an annual basis and amended if necessary to keep the map current.

Section 5: Applicability of Regional Planning Commission's Plan.

- A) A regional plan commission's comprehensive plan is only advisory.
- B) Langlade County shall not be required to comply with the comprehensive plan adopted by another local governmental unit, political subdivision or regional plan commission.

Section 6: Reservation of Rights.

- A) Langlade County retains its sovereignty to govern its affairs by the consent of its citizens, to promote and protect the safety, health and general welfare of its citizens.
- B) Langlade County retains the authority to modify the Plan, or to rescind the Plan in its entirety, at any time.
- C) The citizens of Langlade County shall retain all unalienable (natural) and inherent rights, including but not limited to the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
- D) The citizens of Langlade County shall retain all alienable (legal) rights that are not delegated to the government by The Constitution of the United States or the Wisconsin Constitution, including but not limited to the allodial rights of landowners.
- E) The Comprehensive Plan shall not be used to expand the enumerated or implied powers of any government.

Section 7: Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision of application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

Section 8: No penalty clause.

There shall be no penalty for failure to comply with the terms of this Ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

Recittals:

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Board of Supervisors has adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan as required by section 66.1001(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

WHEREAS, the plan commission, by a majority vote, has adopted a resolution recommending to the County Board the adoption of the document entitled "Langlade County Comprehensive Plan" containing all of the planning elements specified in section 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

WHEREAS, the County has held at least one public hearing on this Ordinance, in compliance with the requirements of section 66.1001(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Langlade County Board of Supervisors, by this Ordinance adopts the document entitled, "Langlade County Comprehensive Plan" pursuant to section 66.1001(4)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

ADOPTED: December 15, 2009 Michael P. Klimoski, Chairman

APPROVED: December 15, 2009 Langlade County Board of Supervisors

PUBLISHED: December 17, 2009

ATTEST: Kathryn Jacob, Langlade County Clerk