

# **Ordinance No. 1.05: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK, EAU CLAIRE COUNTY, WISCONSIN.**

The Town Board of the Town of Bridge Creek, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

## **Section 1. Title**

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Ordinance Adoption, Amendment, and Repeal Procedures Ordinance" of the Town of Bridge Creek.

## **Section 2. Purpose and Authority**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish clear, consistent, and transparent procedures for the adoption, amendment, and repeal of ordinances by the Town Board of the Town of Bridge Creek, ensuring due process, public input, and compliance with the requirements of the Wisconsin Statutes, particularly Wis. Stat. § 60.80, and other applicable laws.

## **Section 3. Definitions**

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- **Ordinance:** A legislative enactment of the Town Board, having the force and effect of law within the Town, which is general and permanent in nature.
- **Amendment:** A change, alteration, or addition to an existing ordinance.
- **Repeal:** The formal annulment or abrogation of an existing ordinance.
- **Town Board:** The governing body of the Town of Bridge Creek.
- **Town Clerk:** The duly elected or appointed Clerk of the Town of Bridge Creek.
- **Official Newspaper:** The newspaper designated by the Town Board for official publications.
- **Posting:** The act of placing a notice in at least three (3) public places within the Town, as designated by the Town Board, or as otherwise permitted by law.

## **Section 4. General Provisions**

(1) **Authority:** This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to towns under Wis. Stat. § 60.80 and other applicable provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes. (2) **Codification:** All ordinances adopted or amended under these procedures shall, upon their effective date, be incorporated into the Town's codified ordinances, if such a codification system exists. (3) **Severability:** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Town Board hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional. (4) **Conflicting Ordinances:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

## **Section 5. Procedure for Adoption of New Ordinances**

(1) **Introduction of Proposed Ordinance:** (a) Any Town Board Supervisor may introduce a proposed ordinance. (b) A proposed ordinance shall be submitted to the Town Clerk in writing, in a form suitable for adoption, and shall include a descriptive title. (c) Upon receipt, the Town Clerk shall place the proposed ordinance on the agenda for the next regular or special meeting of the Town Board for initial consideration. The Town Clerk shall also post the proposed ordinance for public review.

(2) **Consideration and Vote:** (a) The Town Board shall consider the proposed ordinance. (b) The Town Board may make amendments to the proposed ordinance provided such amendments do not substantially alter the original purpose or scope of the ordinance as presented and posted. (c) The adoption of any ordinance shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the members-elect of the Town Board. The vote shall be taken by roll call, and the vote of each supervisor shall be recorded in the minutes.

(3) **Recording and Certification:** (a) Upon adoption, the Town Clerk shall record the ordinance. (b) The Town Clerk shall certify the adoption of the ordinance and the date of its adoption.

(7) **Publication or Posting and Effective Date:** (a) Every ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper or posted in at least three (3) public places within the Town, as the Town Board directs, within thirty (30) days of its adoption. (b) An ordinance shall take effect on the day after its publication or posting, or at such later date as may be specified in the ordinance itself.

## **Section 6. Procedure for Amendment of Existing Ordinances**

(1) The procedure for amending an existing ordinance shall be the same as the procedure for the adoption of a new ordinance, as set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance, including the requirement for posting the ordinance for public review prior to the Board vote. (2) An ordinance proposing an amendment shall clearly identify the ordinance being amended and shall specify the exact language to be added, deleted, or changed.

## **Section 7. Procedure for Repeal of Existing Ordinances**

(1) The procedure for repealing an existing ordinance shall be the same as the procedure for the adoption of a new ordinance, as set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance, including the requirement for posting the ordinance for public review prior to the Board vote. (2) An ordinance proposing a repeal shall clearly identify the ordinance or parts thereof to be repealed.

## **Section 8. Effective Date of This Ordinance**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication or posting as provided by law.

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2025, by the Town Board of the Town of Bridge Creek, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin.

**TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK TOWN BOARD**