

**CODE OF ORDINANCES**  
**TOWN OF HAMPDEN, COLUMBIA COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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## CHAPTER 1

### CODE OF ORDINANCES

#### **Section 1.1. Authority.**

This Ordinance is enacted under the authority of Section 66.0103, Wis. Stats.

#### **Section 1.2. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to simplify, clarify, and collect all Ordinances of the Town into one coherent code for ease of reference and usage.

#### **Section 1.3. Code of Ordinances.**

The Town Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted and enacted as the "Code of Ordinances of the Town of Hampden, Wisconsin" and shall be treated and considered as a new and original comprehensive Ordinance which shall supersede all other general and permanent ordinances of the Town passed on or before the effective date of this Ordinance. No Resolution of the Town Board, or action taken by the Town meeting pursuant to Subchapter III of Chapter 60 of the Wisconsin Statutes, not specifically mentioned, is hereby repealed. Adoption of this Ordinance shall not affect any action previously taken or permits granted or issued under Ordinances previously in effect.

#### **Section 1.4. Clerk to Keep Copy.**

A copy of the Code shall be kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk, preserved in loose-leaf form, or such other form as the Town Clerk may consider most expedient. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk or someone authorized by the Town Clerk to insert in their designated places all amendments, ordinances, or resolutions which indicate the intent of the Town Board to make the same a part of the Code when the same have been printed or reprinted in page form, and to extract from the Code all provisions which may be revealed from time to time by the Town Board. A copy of the Code shall be available for all persons desiring to examine it.

#### **Section 1.5. Effective Date.**

The Code of Ordinances shall become effective as provided by law.

#### **Section 1.6. Severability.**

If any provision of the Code is invalid or unconstitutional, or if the application of the Code to any person or circumstances is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other provisions or applications of the Code which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application.

## CHAPTER 2

### PLAN COMMISSION

#### **Section 2.1. Creation of Plan Commission.**

Pursuant to Sections 60.22(3), 61.35, and 62.23, Wisconsin Statutes, and other applicable law, there is hereby created a "Plan Commission" for the Town.

#### **Section 2.2. Membership.**

The Plan Commission shall consist of five (5) members composed of four citizens and one supervisor. The citizen members shall be persons of recognized experience and qualifications in land use planning issues. The supervisor shall be the Town Chair unless he or she elects to appoint someone else to the position. The Plan Commission shall elect its own officers.

#### **Section 2.3. Appointment.**

The citizen members shall be appointed by the Town Chair, subject to confirmation by the Town Board. In the event of a vacancy, the Town Chair shall appoint a replacement member for the unexpired term, subject to confirmation by the Town Board.

#### **Section 2.4. Term.**

Citizen members shall be appointed for three (3) year terms ending on April 30 of the third succeeding year. The supervisor member of the Plan Commission shall serve until the second Monday of April of each year.

#### **Section 2.5. Quorum and Voting.**

Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum. Nevertheless, all actions of the Plan Commission shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the Commission.

#### **Section 2.6. Records.**

The Plan Commission shall comply with Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law regarding notices of meetings, agendas, minutes of meetings, and records of votes cast. A copy of the records of the Plan Commission shall at all times be provided to the Town Clerk.

## **Section 2.7. Powers and Duties.**

The Plan Commission shall have the powers and duties of a Village Plan Commission under §61.35 of the Wisconsin Statutes, except for the powers relating to adoption of Town zoning ordinances. When the Town establishes a subdivision ordinance or an erosion control ordinance, the Plan Commission shall be the primary reviewing body for applications thereunder and make recommendations directly to the Town Board. In addition, the Town Board may, from time to time, delegate additional responsibilities to the Plan Commission. To the extent necessary, the Plan Commission shall have the power to employ experts and staff, and to pay for their services and such other expenses as may be necessary and proper, not exceeding, in all, the appropriation that may be made for such commission by the Town Board, or placed at its disposal through gift, and subject to any ordinance or resolution enacted by the Town Board.