

- (53) **Sign Permit.** A building permit issued for the erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, moving, improvement, removal, conversion or demolition of any sign, issued pursuant to this Article and the Building Code of the Village of Elmwood.
- (54) **Sign Structure.** Any supports, uprights, braces and framework of the sign which does not include any portion of the sign message.
- (55) **Subdivision Identification Sign.** A sign identifying a subdivision wherein only the name of the subdivision is specified.
- (56) **Swinging Sign.** A sign installed on an arm or mast or spar that is not, in addition, permanently fastened to an adjacent wall or upright pole to limit or prevent free swinging.
- (57) **Temporary Sign.** Any sign which is erected or displayed for a limited period of time not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days or which is displayed only during regular business hours and removed for storage at other times. A temporary sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area. Examples of temporary signs include banners and decorative-type displays. For purposes of this Article, a portable sign is not a temporary sign.
- (58) **Time and Temperature Sign.** An electrically controlled sign displaying time and temperature for public service information and may be incorporated into a business identification sign.
- (59) **Third Party Sign.** Any sign which advertises or directs attention to a business, commodity, service or activity conducted, sold or offered elsewhere than on the lot on which said sign is located.
- (60) **Wall Sign.** Any sign attached to, erected on or painted on the wall of a building or structure and projecting not more than sixteen (16) inches from such wall.
- (61) **Window Sign.** Any sign located completely within an enclosed building and visible from a public way. For purposes of this Article a window sign shall not include any sign permanently attached in the window or directly painted on the glass.

Sec. 13-1-102 Required Permits for Signs, Canopies, Awnings and Billboards.

(a) Permit Required.

- (1) Except those specified in Section 13-1-103, no sign, billboard, awning or canopy, as defined in this Article, shall hereafter be located, erected, moved, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, converted or structurally altered without a sign permit and without being in conformity with the provisions of this Article.
- (2) Signs also shall meet all other structural requirements of other applicable codes and ordinances of the Village of Elmwood.
- (3) Signs shall not be erected or altered until a permit has been issued by the Zoning Administrator. "Altered" shall be defined as any modification in the size, height, dimensions, location or mounting of a sign other than routine maintenance.

- (4) The required sign permit fee shall accompany each sign application and shall be required for all new signs and any modifications of any existing sign face or sign structure.
- (5) Any sign permit granted hereunder may not be assigned or transferred to any other sign or modified sign face or sign structure.
- (b) **Application for a Permit.** Any person, firm, corporation or organization desiring to place, erect, alter or relocate a sign, as herein defined, except an exempt sign, shall make application to the Zoning Administrator and shall provide in writing the following information:
 - (1) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant.
 - (2) The name and address of the owner or owners of the premises upon which the sign is to be attached or erected, including written proof of consent from the property owner upon which the sign(s) are to be erected and maintained.
 - (3) The street number and street name or tax parcel number of the land upon which the sign is to be attached or erected.
 - (4) A legible scaled drawing with description and dimensions of the sign(s) to be erected or maintained under that permit and the sign's proposed location on the building or site.
 - (5) The basic materials to be used in the construction of the sign.
 - (6) The name, address and telephone number of the owner of the sign if he or she is neither the applicant nor the owner of the premises on which the sign is to be attached or erected.
 - (7) A description of all electrical equipment if the sign is to be lighted or illuminated.
 - (8) Proof of payment of the appropriate sign permit fee, when required.
 - (9) Any other item of information that may be reasonably required by the Zoning Administrator or other Village officials for the purpose of application evaluation.
- (c) **Plan Commission Application Review.** If the application is complete and the sign conforms to the basic requirements of this Article, the following actions shall be taken:
 - (1) If the sign is less than six (6) square feet in area, the Zoning Administrator may issue a permit.
 - (2) If the sign is larger than six (6) square feet, the sign shall be reviewed by the Plan Commission, except those signs designated in Section 13-1-106.
 - (3) The Plan Commission shall review all applications within thirty (30) days of submittal. The Plan Commission shall review the applications and apply the established Sign Design Review Guidelines prescribed in Subsections (d) and (e). If the Plan Commission cannot act to approve, deny or to agree with the applicant to extend the time within the thirty (30) day review period, the Zoning Administrator shall be authorized to act on the application using the established Sign Design Review Guidelines.
- (d) **Basis for Granting.** In reviewing a sign permit application, the Zoning Administrator and/or Plan Commission may consider the following factors in deciding whether or not to grant the issuance of a sign permit [see also Subsection (e) below]:

- (1) Whether the sign is designed, installed, and maintained to promote the surrounding environment desired by the general public, pursuant to the objectives of proper design and zoning criteria.
 - (2) Whether the sign is designed, constructed, installed, or maintained in such a manner that it does not endanger public safety or traffic safety.
 - (3) Whether the sign is legible, readable, and visible in the circumstances in which it is to be used.
 - (4) Whether the sign, including size, height, illumination and location, is respectful of reasonable rights of other advertisers whose messages are displayed in the area.
 - (5) Whether the sign is in compliance with the provisions of this Article.
 - (6) Whether the sign is in compliance with the provisions of this Code of Ordinances relating to traffic safety, traffic visibility setbacks, historic preservation and zoning.
- (e) **Sign Design Review Guidelines.** In addition to the criteria established in Subsection (d) above, the following Sign Review Guidelines shall be used by the Plan Commission in acting on sign permit applications and by the Zoning Board of Appeals in acting on appeals or variance requests:
- (1) Any signage affixed to a building should be dimensioned and located in such a manner that it fits the building's architectural features and proportions.
 - (2) All signs should be designed to fit the zoning and status character of the surrounding area. Special consideration should be made where proposed signage is located on or adjacent to locally identified historic structures or publicly owned recreation and conservancy areas. Signage in special planning areas, such as the downtown, or historic preservation areas, will be required to conform to the planned dominant architectural theme of the area. Signage in or abutting residential properties should be designed and located so as not to create a residential nuisance.
 - (3) As a general guidelines and where feasible, ground mounted, free standing signs larger than six (6) square feet shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet apart.
 - (4) Signs illuminated by floodlight or spotlights must be positioned in such a manner that none of the light spills over onto an adjoining property or glares or shines into the eyes of motorists or pedestrians, and may not exceed three (3) footcandles at the lot line.
 - (5) As a general guideline, the number of colors and materials should be kept to a minimum.
 - (6) Landscape features will be encouraged as part of all ground mounted signs. Landscape plantings or other landscape materials will not be counted as part of the allowable signage area.
- (f) **Permit Issuance/Denial.**
- (1) All sign permit applications shall be reviewed by the Zoning Administrator who shall deny or grant such applications or refer the application to the Plan Commission, within ten (10) business days of receipt of the complete application and payment of fee. If the sign meets the requirements of this Article, all other ordinances of the

Village and the approval of the Plan Commission as established herein, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a permit therefor.

- (2) If the sign permit is denied by the Zoning Administrator or Plan Commission, within five (5) days, a written notice of the denial shall be provided to the applicant, together with a brief written statement of the reasons for the denial.
 - (3) No permit for a sign issued hereunder shall be deemed to constitute permission or authorization to maintain an unlawful sign, nor shall any permit issued hereunder constitute a defense in an action to abate an unlawful sign.
- (g) **Inspection.** The applicant shall, upon completion of the installation, relocation or alteration of the sign, notify the Zoning Administrator who may inspect the premises to inspect whether the sign complies with the regulations of this Article.
- (h) **Appeal of Denial of Sign Permit.**
- (1) Any decision of the Plan Commission or Zoning Administrator under this Article may be appealed to the Board of Appeals. A request for an appeals hearing shall be made in writing to the Zoning Administrator within thirty (30) days of the date of permit denial.
 - (2) A majority vote of the Board of Appeals is required to modify the earlier determination of the Zoning Administrator or Plan Commission.
- (i) **Permit Revocation; Appeal.**
- (1) A sign permit may be revoked by the Zoning Administrator in the event that the applicant has failed to comply with the provisions of these regulations or any conditions that may have accompanied the permit at the time of granting.
 - (2) The holder of a revoked sign permit may appeal such revocation action to the Board of Appeals. A request for an appeals hearing shall be made in writing to the Zoning Administrator within thirty (30) days of the date of the original permit revocation.
 - (3) Upon any permit revocation or failure to prevail before the Board of Appeals, the sign(s) subject to such revoked permits shall be removed by the licensee within thirty (30) days of such revocation.
 - (4) Revocation shall not give cause to a right of total or partial reimbursement of license fees paid.
- (j) **Standards for Board of Appeals in Reviewing Appeals.** The Board of Appeals may authorize upon appeal, in specific cases, issuance of a sign permit when such decision will not be contrary to the public interest, where owing to special conditions a literal enforcement of the provisions of this Article will result in unnecessary hardship and so that the spirit of this Article shall be observed and substantial justice done. No Board of Appeals's appellate decision shall have the effect of allowing in any district uses prohibited in that district or permit standards significantly lower than those required by state law or this Article.
- (k) **Stay of Proceedings During Appeals.** An appeal shall stay all legal proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from, unless the Zoning Administrator certifies to the Board of Appeals that, by reason of facts stated in the certificate, a stay would, in his/her

opinion, cause immediate peril to life or property. In such cases, proceedings shall not be stayed otherwise than by a restraining order which may be granted by the Board of Appeals or by a court of record on application, on notice to the Zoning Administrator and on due cause shown.

- (l) **Signs in Historic Districts.** In addition to these sign regulations, all signs within any historic district shall be subject to the provisions of the Village's Historic Preservation Code.
- (m) **Permit Validity.** Any sign permit issued by the Zoning Administrator shall be null and void and automatically revoked in the event that construction, installation, or manufacture of the sign has not been commenced within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the issuance of such permit. If work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of ninety (90) days any time after the work is commenced, the original permit shall become null and void. A new permit shall first be obtained to complete the work, and a new permit fee shall be required.

Cross-Reference: Section 13-1-113, Variances.

Sec. 13-1-103 Signs Not Requiring a Permit.

The following signs may be erected and maintained in all zoning districts, except where noted, without a permit and without being deducted from gross sign surface area permitted.

- (a) **Bulletin Boards.** One bulletin board per street frontage, and not over thirty-two (32) square feet in area, for public, charitable or religious institutions located on site.
- (b) **Government Signs.** Government signs for control of traffic and other regulatory purposes, danger signs, railroad crossing signs, and signs of public utilities indicating danger, and aids to service or safety which are erected by or on the order of a public officer in the performance of his/her public duty. Included within this definition are off-premise institutional signs.
- (c) **Interior Signs.** Signs located within the interior of any building or structure which are not visible from the public right-of-way.
- (d) **Memorial Signs.** Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings and date of erection when cut into any masonry surface, or inlaid so as to be part of the building.
- (e) **Occupant Signs.** Signs limited in content to name of occupant, address of premises, and signs of danger. Occupant signs shall be a maximum of one (1) per street front and no more than three (3) square feet in sign area.
- (f) **Governmental Notices.** Official governmental notices and notices posted by governmental officers in the performance of their duties; governmental signs to control traffic or for other regulatory purposes or to identify streets or to warn of danger.
- (g) **Temporary Construction Safety Signs.** Temporary or permanent signs erected by public utility companies or construction companies to warn of dangerous or hazardous conditions.

- (h) **Traffic and Service Signs on Private Premises.** Traffic and parking signs and devices privately-owned and on private premises, and containing messages such as "exit only", "restricted for _____", and the like, the sole purpose of which is to direct and control traffic on the premises and which does not exceed ten (10) feet in height nor contain more than twelve (12) square feet per face. Signs designating entrances, exits, service areas, parking areas, restrooms and other such signs relating to functional operation of the building or premises shall be permitted without permit under this exception.
- (i) **Signs Required by Law.** Signs required by law, statute or ordinance, constructed and maintained according to the law, statute or ordinance under which the sign was erected.
- (j) **Real Estate Signs.** One sign per street frontage may be placed on the offered property and shall not be more than seven (7) square feet in size for residential property and not more than thirty-two (32) square feet in area for non-residential property. The sign may only advertise the sale, rental or lease of the premises upon which it is located and contain the name and/or logo of the real estate company, or individuals and their respective addresses and telephone numbers, posting the sign. Such signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days after sale, rental or lease of the property.
- (k) **Signs in Display Windows.** Signs in the display window of a business which relate to services or products offered therein. This display sign exception is only permitted for properties in the following zoning districts: B-1 General Commercial District and B-2 Highway Commercial District. The window sign must direct attention to a business or profession conducted on the premises or to a product, service or entertainment sold or offered on said premises. Window signs shall be placed only on the inside of commercial buildings and shall not exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of the glass area of the pane upon which the sign is displayed.
- (l) **On-Premise Symbols or Insignia.** Religious symbols, commemorative plaques of recognized historic agencies, or identification emblems of religious orders or historical agencies.
- (m) **On-Premise Temporary and Portable Signs in Residential Districts.** Temporary or portable signs under twenty (20) square feet for the purpose of an on-site open house, model home demonstration, special event such as a birthday or anniversary, and for five (5) days thereafter, but may not exceed a total period of thirty (30) days per twelve (12) month period.
- (n) **Civic Event Temporary Signs.** Temporary off-premises signs not exceeding four (4) square feet in residential or public lands districts, or thirty-two (32) square feet in the B-1, B-2, B-3 and I-1 Districts, pertaining to drives or events of civic, philanthropic, educational, religious, or non-profit organizations, provided such signs are posted not more than thirty (30) days before said event and removed within seven (7) days after the event.
- (o) **Political Signs.** Political message, public election or referenda signs during an election campaign, as defined in Sec. 12.04(1), Wis. Stats., limited to one (1) per premises per

candidate or referenda question. Political signs may be posted sixty (60) days before an election and must be removed within seven (7) days after said election. Said sign shall be a maximum of sixteen (16) square feet.

- (p) **Rummage/Garage Sale Signs.** Rummage or garage sale signs not to exceed eight (8) square feet in area, but use of this type of sign shall be limited to seventy-two (72) hours per sale. Rummage or garage sale signs may only be located on the day of the garage sale within street right-of-way lines between the private property line and the pavement edge with the permission of the adjoining private property owner or renter in a location which does not create a visibility or traffic hazard (as determined by the Zoning Administrator or a law enforcement officer).
- (q) **Open/Close Signs.** Illuminated and non-illuminated signs not exceeding ten (10) square feet in area announcing that a business is open or closed.

Sec. 13-1-104 Residential Signs Requiring a Permit.

In addition to those permitted signs not requiring a permit pursuant to Section 13-1-103, the following nonflashing, nonilluminated signs (except as otherwise provided) are permitted under the conditions specified in all residential, mobile home, and agricultural districts, and planned unit developments (residential) established by the Village's Zoning Code.

- (a) **Temporary Signs Accessory to Subdivision Developments or Other Permitted Improvements in Residential Districts.** Subject to the following:
 - (1) **Content.** The signs shall be only for the purpose of identification of homes for sale or rent in the subdivision under construction, of lots for sale, or for the identification of other nonresidential uses under construction.
 - (2) **Area, Number and Setback.** Such signs shall not exceed two (2) in number for each subdivision nor fifty (50) square feet each in area. They shall observe the front yard requirement of the principal use and shall be located at least fifty (50) feet from all other boundaries of the site.
 - (3) **Height.** No sign shall project higher than eight (8) feet above curb level.
 - (4) **Time Limitations.** The sign or signs shall be removed by the applicant or property owner within two (2) years of the date of the issuance of a sign permit or when the parcels being advertised are sold, whichever occurs first.
- (b) **Permanent Subdivision Identification Signs.** Subject to the following:
 - (1) **Content.** The signs shall bear only the name of the subdivision or development.
 - (2) **Area and Number.** There shall be not more than two (2) signs located at each entrance to a subdivision. No sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area. Such identification signs shall only be erected after review and approval by the Zoning Administrator.
 - (3) **Height.** No sign shall project higher than twelve (12) feet above curb level.

- (4) **Location.** The location of any such sign shall be at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator based upon the character of the area, the type and purpose of the sign.
- (c) **Nonflashing, Illuminated Church Bulletins.** Subject to the following:
 - (1) **Area and Number.** There shall be not more than one (1) sign per lot, except that on a corner lot, two (2) signs (one facing each street) shall be permitted. No sign shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area nor be closer than five (5) feet from any lot line.
 - (2) **Projection.** No sign shall project beyond the property line into the public right-of-way.
 - (3) **Height.** No sign shall project higher than one (1) story or fifteen (15) feet above the curb level, whichever is lower.
- (d) **Bed and Breakfast Signs.** Subject to the following:
 - (1) **Content.** The sign shall bear only the name, address and other pertinent information regarding the bed and breakfast establishment.
 - (2) **Area and Number.** There shall not be more than one (1) sign per lot street frontage. No sign shall exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area. Such sign shall have a ten (10) feet setback from a public right-of-way or lot line.
 - (3) **Projection.** No sign shall project beyond the property line into the public right-of-way.
 - (4) **Height.** No sign shall project higher than six (6) feet above the street level.
- (e) **Home Occupation/Professional Home Office.** Subject to the following:
 - (1) **Content.** The sign shall bear only the name, address, hours and other pertinent information regarding the on-site home occupation or professional home office maintained in compliance with the Village's Zoning Code.
 - (2) **Area and Number.** There shall not be more than one (1) sign per lot. No sign shall exceed six (6) square feet in area. Such sign shall have a ten (10) foot setback from a public right-of-way or lot line.
 - (3) **Projection.** No sign shall project beyond the property line into the public right-of-way.
 - (4) **Height.** No sign shall project higher than six (6) feet above the street level.

Sec. 13-1-105 Commercial and Industrial Signs Requiring a Permit.

- (a) **Permitted Signs.** The following signs shall require a permit to be issued by the Village of Elmwood. Signs may be permitted in specific zoning categories, subject to the following restrictions.
- (b) **Height and Setback Requirements.** In commercial or industrial zoning districts where setbacks are required for building construction, no part of any sign shall extend over the property line. In zoning districts where no front yard setbacks are required, a sign must be

attached to the building and shall project no more than four (4) feet over the abutting public sidewalk or established street grade.

(c) **Number of Signs Permitted.**

- (1) **Total Number.** No more than two (2) signs of any type shall be located at any business, except that premises occupied by a shopping center may, as an alternative, have one (1) detached directory sign plus one (1) wall sign for each place of business located in said shopping center, provided that the aggregate total area of all signs located on any premises so occupied shall not exceed the total area permitted for one (1) detached sign and one (1) flat sign as set forth in this Article.
- (2) **Corner Lots.** Businesses with streets fronting both sides shall be allowed two (2) types of signs for each street frontage; no street frontage buildings shall be allowed two (2) of the same type of sign for that particular business.

(d) **Types of Signs, Maximum Size, Number and Location.**

- (1) **Directory Signs.** Directory signs advertising a business or activity conducted, an area of interest, or a service available at a specific location are permitted in the B-1, B-2, B-3 and I-1 Districts when a part of a Village-sponsored directory sign program. Such signs shall be not more than twenty-four (24) square feet in gross area. There shall not be more than two (2) such signs relating to any one (1) such use in the approaching direction along any one (1) highway. Such signs may be placed at the right-of-way line of the highway. A larger number of signs may be permitted by the Plan Commission if the Plan Commission shall find it necessary for directing the traveling public. The Plan Commission shall designate a uniform sign design for such directory signs.
- (2) **Wall Signs.** Wall signs are permitted in the B-1, B-2, B-3 and I-1 Districts. Wall signs placed against the exterior walls of buildings shall not extend more than sixteen (16) inches outside of a building's wall surface, nor extend above or beyond the wall itself. Total sign area (including multiple business/tenant signs on a single property) shall not exceed one (1) square foot for each lineal foot of the building parallel with the main street frontage. Rear or side entrance signs are subject to the same size restrictions as that found at the principal (front/main) entrance to the building. Signs on other building facades (i.e. non-entrance side facades) are limited to one-half (1/2) square foot per lineal foot of such facade. All signs attached or affixed to a building shall not exceed twenty (20) feet in height above the mean centerline street grade.
- (3) **Projecting Signs.** Projecting signs fastened to, suspended from, or supported by a building or structure, shall not exceed in gross area for any one (1) premise: forty (40) square feet on each of two (2) faces in the B-2 Highway Commercial District or B-3 Business Park District, and forty (40) square feet on each of two (2) sides in an Industrial District. With the exception of existing marquee signs of historic interest, permits shall not be issued for new projecting signs in the B-1 General Commercial District. Such signs shall not extend into any public right-of-way; shall not exceed a height of twenty (20) feet above the mean centerline street grade; and shall not be less than ten (10) feet above a pedestrian walk nor less than fifteen (15) feet above an alley or driveway.

- (4) **Ground Signs.** Ground signs and their supporting structure shall comply with all setback requirements of the District in which they are located, except that ground signs in a B-2 Highway Commercial District may be located up to a public right-of-way. Ground signs shall not exceed in gross area for any one (1) premise: forty (40) square feet on each side in a B-1 General Commercial District; one hundred twenty (120) square feet on each side in a B-2 Highway Commercial District; or one hundred sixty (160) square feet on each side in an I-1 or B-3 Industrial District. Such signs shall not exceed at their highest point twenty (20) feet in height above mean centerline street grade. One (1) ground sign is permitted on a street frontage provided there is no pylon sign on that side. Any ground sign in a B-2 Highway Commercial District, B-3 Business Park District or I-1 Industrial District shall have a minimum landscaped area of sixteen (16) square feet around the base of the ground sign.
- (5) **Pylon Signs.** Pylon signs shall not exceed thirty (30) feet in height in a B-2 or B-3 Business District or I-1 Industrial District. Pylon signs shall not be placed in the B-1 General Commercial District. Height is measured above the mean centerline of street grade. The sign shall be completely within the property upon which it is located. One (1) pylon sign per street frontage is permitted. Size is limited to one hundred (100) square feet for one (1) side, or two hundred (200) feet for all sides. When there exists a property zoned in a B-2 Highway Commercial District with continuous road/highway frontage in excess of three hundred (300) feet, the size is limited to two hundred (200) square feet per side or four hundred (400) square feet for all sides. Any pylon sign shall have a minimum landscaped area of sixteen (16) square feet around the base of the pole.
- (6) **Off-Premise Third Party Signs.** Off-premise third party signs are prohibited except that a business in a B-2 Highway Commercial District may have an off-premise pylon or ground sign shared with a physically adjacent business on the adjacent business' property. Such a shared sign shall comply with the dimensional requirements of Subsections (d)(4) and (5) above, except that the secondary sign's dimensions shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the primary sign's maximum allowable dimensions. Such signs shall share the same pylon or ground sign mountings.
- (7) **Shopping Center/Industrial Park Directory Signs.** In a shopping center or industrial park, one (1) free-standing identification/directory sign for each street upon which the development fronts may be permitted showing the name of said center or park and represented business or industries. Directory signs for shopping centers or industrial parks are permitted as an alternative to ground signs or projecting signs for individual stores in the shopping center or business in the industrial park. The top of a directory sign shall not exceed thirty-two (32) feet in height above the mean centerline street grade and the bottom of the sign shall not be less than ten (10) feet above the sidewalk and not more than sixteen (16) feet above a driveway or alley. Double supporting pylons shall not be greater than ten (10) feet apart. That portion of the directory sign which advertises the shopping center or industrial park name shall not

exceed one hundred (100) square feet for one (1) side and a total of two hundred (200) square feet for all sides. That portion of the directory sign which advertises the individual store/business name shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet for one (1) side and a total of thirty-two (32) square feet for all sides. Directory signs shall meet all yard requirements for the zoning district in which they are located.

Sec. 13-1-106 Special Sign Requirements.

(a) **Electronic Message Unit Signs.**

- (1) Such signs may be used only to advertise activities conducted on the premises or to present public service information.
- (2) Segmented messages must be displayed for not less than one-half (1/2) second and more than ten (10) seconds.
- (3) Traveling messages may travel no slower than sixteen (16) light columns per second and no faster than thirty-two (32) columns per second.

(b) **Portable Signs/Message Boards.** Such signs shall be limited in use to seven (7) days at a time following approval by the Zoning Administrator, provided, however, that the Zoning Administrator shall not give approval for placement of a portable sign/message board if it presents a vision obstruction; such signs shall not be displayed more frequently than four (4) times per calendar year at any one (1) location, not more than seven (7) days each time. The maximum size of a portable sign/message board shall be ten (10) square feet on each face, back to back. Portable signs/message boards shall not be located in any public right-of-ways and shall be securely fastened to prevent any hazardous condition.

(c) **Search Lights.** The Zoning Administrator may permit the temporary use of a searchlight for advertising purposes in any district provided that the searchlight will not be located in any public right-of-way, will not be located closer than ten (10) feet to an adjacent property and will not cause a hazard to traffic or adjoining properties. Searchlight permits shall not be granted for a period of more than five (5) days in any six (6) month period.

(d) **Sandwich Signs.** In instances where the property owner or business tenant in a B-1 General Commercial District or B-2 Highway Commercial District wishes to erect a sandwich board, there is a limit of one (1) sandwich board per business tenant and such sign shall not exceed four (4) feet in height and eight (8) square feet per side display area. Sandwich signs may be placed only after issuance of a sign permit and shall be placed in a manner so as not to present a hazard.

(e) **On-Site Banner Signs.** On-site banner signs, whether permanent or temporary, are not permitted.

(f) **Over-the-Street Banners.** Over-the-street banners are not permitted, except for civic activities.

(g) **Neon Signs.** Exterior neon or gas illumination signs require a sign permit.

Sec. 13-1-107 Awnings and Canopies.

- (a) **Permitted Awnings.** No awnings shall be erected or maintained, except such awnings as comply with the following requirements, and then only if the permit required hereunder is first obtained and the same conform to the regulations of the zoning district in which the same are to be located:
- (1) **Support.** Awnings shall be securely attached to and supported by the building and shall be without posts or columns beyond the setback line.
 - (2) **Height.** All awnings shall be constructed and erected so that the lowest portion thereof shall be not less than eight (8) feet above the level of the public sidewalk or public thoroughfare.
 - (3) **Awning Extension from Curb Line.** No entrance awning shall extend beyond a point eight (8) feet into the right-of-way.
 - (4) **Advertising.** No advertising shall be placed on any awning, except that the name and logo of the establishment within the building to which the awning is attached may be painted or otherwise permanently placed in a space not exceeding eight (8) inches in height on the front and side edges.
- (b) **Permitted Canopies.** No canopies shall be erected or maintained, except such canopies as comply with the following requirements, and then only if the permit required hereunder is first obtained and the same conform to the regulations of the zoning district in which the same are to be located:
- (1) **Support.** The structural support of all canopies shall be properly designed and be approved by the Zoning Administrator as in compliance with the Building Code of the Village. All frames and supports shall be designed to withstand a wind pressure as provided in this Article. All canopies and awnings shall be attached to a building, and no supports shall exist beyond the setback line between the canopy and/or awning and the sidewalk or ground below.
 - (2) **Height Above Sidewalk.** All canopies shall be constructed and erected so that the lowest portion thereof shall not be less than eight (8) feet above the level of the sidewalk or public thoroughfare.
 - (3) **Canopy Extension from Curb Line.** No entrance canopy shall extend beyond a point eight (8) feet from the face of a wall or building.
 - (4) **Advertising.** No advertising shall be placed on any canopy, except that the name and logo of the establishment may be painted or placed in a space not exceeding twenty-four (24) inches in average height on the front and side edges. Such name may be so painted or placed irrespective of any prohibition otherwise applicable hereunder, providing, however, that if such canopy shall contain more or other than the name of the establishment in letters more than eight (8) inches high on the front and side edges, it shall be considered as a sign and be subject to all the provisions hereof.

Sec. 13-1-108 Prohibited Features.

Landscape features such as plant materials, berms, boulders, fencing and similar design elements unincorporated or in conjunction with freestanding signs are encouraged and shall not be counted as allowable sign area. The base of signs shall be landscaped so as to conceal footings, mountings, brackets, and related structural elements.

Sec. 13-1-109 Prohibited or Restricted Signs.

- (a) **Traffic Interference.** Signs shall not resemble, imitate or approximate the shape, size, form or color of railroad or traffic signs or devices. Signs, canopies and awnings shall not obstruct or interfere with the effectiveness of railroad or traffic signs, signals or devices or the safe flow of traffic. No sign shall be erected, relocated or maintained so as to prevent free ingress to or egress from any door, window or fire escape. No sign, awning or canopy shall be placed so as to obstruct or interfere with traffic visibility.
- (b) **Moving or Flashing Signs.** No sign shall be erected which has any flashing, rotating or brilliant intermittent parts or lights, bare reflecting-type bulbs, or utilizes a spot or beacon light to illuminate a sign, except those giving public service information such as time, date, temperature, weather or similar information. Public information display signs require approval by the Plan Commission. No signs, billboards or other advertising media which creates a hazard or dangerous distraction to vehicular traffic or a nuisance to adjoining residential property shall be permitted in any district.
- (c) **Signs on Public Rights-of-Way.** Signs shall not be permitted on public rights-of-way, except for municipal traffic control, parking and directional signs and as otherwise specified in this Article.
- (d) **Billboards.** No new billboards shall be permitted in the Village of Elmwood after the original effective date of this Article. Billboards located upon property annexed to the Village and existing as of the effective date of this Article are permitted to remain unless the owner structurally alters such billboard in any manner. If damaged, or if structural alteration is made/required, such billboard shall be permanently removed. However, any billboards existing as of the effective date of this Article must be removed permanently within three (3) years following annexation, and with such removal being agreed to in writing by the owner/lessor/lessee thereof in writing prior to such annexation.
- (e) **Painted Wall and Other Prohibited Signs.** Painted wall signs are signs which are painted directly onto the surface of the building; painted wall signs are prohibited in the Village of Elmwood. No person shall paste or otherwise fasten any paper or other material, paint, stencil or write any number, sign, name or any disfiguring mark within any street right-of-way, on any sidewalk, curb, gutter, street, post, fire hydrant, pole or tree, any other sign, building, fence or other structure, nor shall any of said objects be defaced in any manner. No signage shall be used except those types specifically permitted by this Article.

- (f) **Immoral Sign Subjects.** Signs which bear or contain statements, words, pictures, or symbols of obscene, pornographic or immoral subjects are prohibited.
- (g) **Roof Signs.** Roof signs are prohibited in the Village of Elmwood.
- (h) **Swinging Signs.** Swinging signs are prohibited.
- (i) **Third-Party Signs.** Third-party signs and billboards are prohibited, except as provided in Section 13-1-105(d)(6).
- (j) **Advertising Vehicle Sign Configuration.** No persons shall park any vehicle or trailer on a public right-of-way or on private properties so as to be seen from a public right-of-way, which has attached thereto or located thereon any sign or advertising device for the basic purposes of providing advertisement of products or directing people to a business activity located on the same or nearby property or any other premise. Business vehicles containing typical business signage and which are actively used on a daily basis for business purposes, are exempt from this prohibition.
- (k) **Floodlighted and Illuminated Signs.** Signs may be floodlighted or illuminated, subject to the following restrictions:
 - (1) Signs which are not effectively shielded so as to prevent beams or rays of light from being directed at any portion of the traveled ways of a public right-of-way and which are of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or to impair the vision of the driver of any motor vehicle, or which otherwise interfere with any driver's operations of a motor vehicle, are prohibited.
 - (2) Signs which are not effectively shielded as to prevent beams or rays of light from being directed at any residential property, and which are of such intensity or brilliance as to cause a public nuisance, are prohibited.
 - (3) No sign shall be so floodlighted or illuminated that it interferes with the effectiveness of or obscures an official traffic sign, device, or signal.
 - (4) Spotlights and beacons are restricted under Subsection (b) above.

Sec. 13-1-110 Nonconforming Signs.

- (a) **Nonconforming Signs.**
 - (1) **Nonconforming Sign Criteria.** Signs existing as of the effective date of this Article which do not conform to the provisions of this Article are nonconforming signs and shall be subject to the provisions of this Section. Nonconforming signs may be maintained. No nonconforming on-premise sign shall be altered or moved to a new location without being brought into compliance with the requirements of this Article. [Refer to Subsection (b) below.] Compliance is the responsibility of the property owner.
 - (2) **New Signs Not Permitted.** Business signs on the premises of a nonconforming use or building may be continued per this Section, but new signs for such uses shall not

be allowed, nor shall expand in number, area, height, or illumination. New signs, not to exceed the maximum allowable aggregate sign area, may be erected only upon the complete removal of all other signs existing at the time of adoption of this Article.

- (3) **Removal of Nonconforming Signs After Amortization Period.** The Village Board finds that the Village's development and increased competition among various businesses located in the Village has significantly increased the number of signs. The result has been an excessive number of signs, which tend to increase public confusion, interfere with other signs, distract operators of motor vehicles, and cause visual blight. The Village Board has determined that it is in the public interest to eliminate legal nonconforming signs. The Village Board also recognizes that owners of signs may have property interests of value in such nonconforming signs that may be amortized over time and thus is adopting a reasonable phase-out period. All legal nonconforming signs which could not be erected under the standards of this Article shall be removed, at the cost of the property owner, within ten (10) years of the effective date of this Article.
 - (4) **Removal Upon Business Termination.** Nonconforming signs shall be removed when the principal structure located on the premises undergoes a change of use, or shall be removed per Section 13-1-114. Closing businesses must remove their signs within thirty (30) days of closing.
 - (5) **Change in Sign User.** Whenever there is a change in the sign user (excluding off-premise signs) or owner of the property on which the sign is located, the new sign user or new property owner shall forthwith notify the Zoning Administrator of the change. No new sign permit is required unless there is modification of the sign face or sign structure.
- (b) **Alteration of Signs.**
- (1) **Alteration Defined.** For the purpose of this Article, alteration of a sign is considered to be any change to the exterior appearance of any part of the sign, its frame, its supporting structure, or its lighting including: changing the message (except for marquee or off-premise advertising signs), symbols, color, material, height or location.
 - (2) **Maintenance Exception.** Altering a sign does not include maintaining the existing appearance of the sign; replacing the sign face or the supporting structure with identical materials, colors, and messages; changing the message of a marquee sign; or changing the face of an off-premise advertising sign.
- (c) **Loss of Legal Nonconforming Status.**
- (1) In addition to the standards in Subsections (a) and (b) above, a sign may also lose its nonconforming status if one (1) or more of the following occurs:
 - a. If said sign is damaged by fire, flood, explosion, earthquake, vandalism, war, riot or Act of God; or structurally altered in any way, except for normal maintenance and repair; the sign may be reconstructed and used as before if it is reconstructed within three (3) months after such calamity, unless the damage to the sign is fifty

- percent (50%) or more of its replacement value, in which case, the constructed sign shall comply with the provisions of this Article.
- b. The sign is relocated;
 - c. The sign fails to conform to the Village requirements regarding maintenance and repair, abandonment or dangerous or defective signs;
- (2) On the date of occurrence of any of the above, the sign shall be immediately brought in compliance with this Article with a new permit secured therefor or shall be removed.
- (d) **Legal Nonconforming Sign Maintenance and Repair.** Nothing in this Article shall relieve the owner or use of a legal nonconforming sign or the owner of the property in which the sign is located from the provisions of this Article regarding safety, maintenance and repair of signs. However, legal nonconforming signs shall not be reinstalled, reconstructed or have their useful life extended.

Sec. 13-1-111 Dangerous and Abandoned Signs.

- (a) **Removal of Dangerous Signs.** All signs shall be removed by the owner or tenant of the premises upon which the sign is located if in the judgment of the Zoning Administrator, such sign is so old, dilapidated or has become so out of repair as to be dangerous or unsafe, whichever occurs first. If the owner or tenant fails to remove it, the Zoning Administrator may remove the sign at cost of the owner, following adequate written notice. The owner may appeal the decision of the Building Inspector to the Board of Appeals.
- (b) **Abandoned Signs.** Except as otherwise herein provided, all sign messages shall be removed by the owner or lessee of the premises upon which an off-premise sign is located when the business it advertised is no longer conducted where advertised. If the owner or lessee fails to remove the sign, the Zoning Administrator shall give the owner sixty (60) days' written notice to remove said sign and thereafter upon the owner's or lessee's failure to comply may remove such sign, any costs for which shall be charged to the owner of the property or may be assessed as a special assessment against the property, and/or the Zoning Administrator may take any other appropriate legal action necessary to attain compliance.
- (c) **Violations.** All signs constructed or maintained in violation of any of the provisions of this Sign Code after the date of adoption are hereby declared public nuisances within the meaning of the Village of Elmwood Code of Ordinances. In addition to the penalty provisions for violations of this Article, the Zoning Administrator or Village Board may bring an action to abate the nuisance in the manner set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes or Village ordinance.

Sec. 13-1-112 Construction and Maintenance Regulations for Signs.

- (a) **Installation.** All signs shall be properly secured, supported and braced and shall be kept in reasonable structural condition and shall be kept clean and well painted at all times.

Bolts or screws shall not be fastened to window frames. Every sign and its framework, braces, anchors and other supports shall be constructed of such material and with such workmanship as to be safe and satisfactory to the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator.

(b) **General Requirements.**

- (1) **Construction Standards.** All signs, except flat signs and those signs weighing less than ten (10) pounds, shall be designed, fastened and constructed to withstand a wind pressure of not less than thirty (30) pounds per square foot of area and shall be constructed, attached, fastened or anchored to adequately support the dead load and any anticipated live loads (i.e., ice, snow) of the sign.
- (2) **Projection.** Signs including supports shall not interfere with surrounding properties or traffic.
- (3) **Prohibited Mounting.** No signs shall be painted on, attached to or affixed to any trees, rocks, or other similar organic or inorganic natural matter, including utility poles or apparatus.
- (4) **Maintenance.** All signs, including supports and attachments, shall be properly maintained and have an appearance that is neat and clean. All signs shall be kept in good structural condition, well painted, and clean at all times and the immediate premises shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary and inoffensive condition and kept free and clear of all obnoxious substances, rubbish and weeds.
- (5) **Annexed Areas.** All signs in newly annexed areas shall comply with this Article within three (3) years of annexation.

Sec. 13-1-113 Variances or Exceptions.

Variances or exceptions to these sign regulations may be granted by the Board of Appeals following a recommendation from the Zoning Administrator, pursuant to the procedures of the Village Zoning Code.

Sec. 13-1-114 Violations of Sign Code.

- (a) **Construction Without Permit.** Any person, firm or corporation who begins, erects, improperly alters, or completes the erection or construction of any sign, awning or canopy controlled by this Article prior to the granting of a sign permit shall pay a penalty double the amount of the permit otherwise required.
- (b) **Compliance Notice.**
 - (1) If the Zoning Administrator finds any sign, awning or canopy regulated herein unsafe or insecure or is a menace to the public, or has been improperly erected, altered or maintained, it shall give written notice to the sign owner and to the property owner.

- (2) If such sign, awning or canopy owner fails to remove or alter the sign, awning or canopy so as to comply with the standards herein set forth within five (5) days after such notice, the Zoning Administrator may cause such sign, awning or canopy to be removed or altered at the expense of the owner of the sign, awning or canopy or the owner of the property upon which it is located so as to comply with the provisions of this Article, per Sec. 66.0627, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Violations; Penalties.** Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Article shall be subject to a penalty which shall be as follows:
 - (1) Any person found guilty of violating any part of this Article who has previously been notified of being in violation, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a forfeiture as prescribed by Section 13-1-175.
 - (2) Each violation and each day a violation continues or occurs shall constitute a separate offense. Nothing in this Article shall preclude the Village from also maintaining any appropriate action to prevent or remove a violation of any provision of this Article.

Sec. 13-1-115 through Sec. 13-1-119 Reserved for Future Use.

Article H: Performance Standards

Sec. 13-1-120 Article Intent.

It is the intent of this Article to use performance standards for the regulation of uses to facilitate a more objective and equitable basis for control and to insure that the community is adequately protected from potential hazardous and nuisance-like effects. This Chapter permits specific uses in specific districts and these performance standards are designed to limit, restrict and prohibit the effects of those uses outside their premises or district. No structure, land or water shall hereafter be used except in compliance with the district regulations and with the following environmental performance standards.

Sec. 13-1-121 Noise.

- (a) **I-1 District Noise.** No activity in an I-1 Industrial District shall produce a sound level outside the district boundary that exceeds the following sound level measured by a sound level meter and associated octave band filter:

Octave Band Frequency (Cycles Per Second)	Sound Level (Decibels)
0 to 75	79
75 to 150	74
150 to 300	66
300 to 600	59
600 to 1200	53
1200 to 2400	47
2400 to 4800	41
above 4800	39

- (b) **Other Districts.** No other activity in any other district shall produce a sound level outside its premises that exceeds the following:

Octave Band Frequency (Cycles Per Second)	Sound Level (Decibels)
0 to 75	72
75 to 150	67
150 to 300	59
300 to 600	52
600 to 1200	46
1200 to 2400	40
2400 to 4800	34
above 4800	32

All noise shall be so muffled or otherwise controlled as not to become objectionable due to intermittence, duration, beat frequency, impulse character, periodic character or shrillness.

- (c) **Exempt Noises.** The following noises are exempt from the regulations:
- (1) Noises not directly under the control of the property owner.
 - (2) Noises from temporary construction or maintenance activities during daylight hours.
 - (3) Noises from emergency, safety or warning devices.

Sec. 13-1-122 Vibration.

- (a) No activity in any district shall emit vibrations which are discernable without instruments outside its premises. No activity shall emit vibrations which exceed the following displacement measured with a three-component measuring system:

Frequency (Cycles Per Second)	Displacement in Inches	
	Outside the Premises	Outside the District
0 to 10	.0020	.0004
10 to 20	.0010	.0002
20 to 30	.0006	.0001
30 to 40	.0004	.0001
40 to 50	.0003	.0001
50 and Over	.0002	.0001

- (b) Vibrations not directly under the control of the property user and vibrations from temporary construction or maintenance activities shall be exempt from the above standard.

Sec. 13-1-123 Glare and Heat.

No unsanctioned activity shall emit glare or heat that is visible or measurable outside its premises, except activities in the industrial district which may emit direct or sky-reflected glare which shall not be visible outside their district. All operations producing intense glare or heat shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building. Exposed sources of light shall be shielded so as not to be visible outside their premises.

Sec. 13-1-124 Odor.

No operation or activity shall emit any substance or combination of substances in such quantities that create an objectionable odor as defined in Ch. NR 154.18, Wis. Adm. Code.

Sec. 13-1-125 Fire and Explosive Hazards.

All activities involving the manufacturing, utilization, processing or storage of inflammable and explosive material shall be provided with adequate safety devices against the hazard of fire and explosion, and with adequate fire-fighting and fire-suppression equipment and devices that are standard in the industry. All materials that range from active to intense burning shall be manufactured, utilized, processed and stored only in completely enclosed buildings which have incombustible exterior walls and an automatic fire extinguishing system.

Sec. 13-1-126 Air Pollution.

- (a) No operation or activity shall emit into the ambient air from any direct or portable source any matter that will affect visibility in excess of the limitations established in Chapter NR 154.11(6), Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- (b) No activity or operation shall be established or maintained which by reason of its nature causes emission of any fly ash, dust, fumes, vapors, mists or gases in such quantities as to cause soiling or danger to the health of persons, animals, vegetation or property. In no case shall any activity emit any liquid or solid particles in concentrations exceeding 0.3 grains per cubic foot of the conveying gas, nor any color visible smoke equal to or darker than No. 2 on the Ringlemann Chart described in the United States Bureau of Mines' Information Circular 7718 in any Industrial District.

Sec. 13-1-127 Hazardous Pollutants.

- (a) **Pollutants.** No operation or activity shall emit any hazardous substances in such a quantity, concentration or duration as to be injurious to human health or property, and all emissions of hazardous substances shall not exceed the limitations established in Chapter NR 154.19, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- (b) **Liquid or Solid Wastes.** No activity shall discharge at any point onto any land or into any water or public sewer any materials of such nature, quantity, noxiousness, toxicity or temperature which can contaminate, pollute or harm the quantity or quality of any water supply; can cause the emission of dangerous or offensive elements; can overload the existing municipal utilities; or can injure or damage persons or property.
- (c) **Water Quality Protection.**
 - (1) No activity shall locate, store, discharge, or permit the discharge of any treated, untreated, or inadequately treated liquid, gaseous, or solid materials of such nature, quantity, obnoxiousness, toxicity, or temperature that might run off, seep, percolate, or wash into surface or subsurface waters so as to contaminate, pollute, or harm such waters or cause nuisances such as objectionable shore deposits, floating or submerged debris, oil or scum, color, odor, taste, or unsightliness or be harmful to human, animal, plant, or aquatic life.
 - (2) In addition, no activity shall withdraw water or discharge any liquid, or solid materials so as to exceed, or contribute toward the exceeding of, the minimum standards and those other standards and the application of those standards set forth in Ch. NR 102, Wis. Adm. Code.

Sec. 13-1-128 Radioactivity and Electrical Disturbances.

No activity shall emit radioactivity or electrical disturbances outside its premises that are dangerous or adversely affect the use of neighboring premises.

Sec. 13-1-129 Refuse.

All waste material, debris, refuse or garbage not disposed of through the public sanitary sewerage system shall be kept in an enclosed building or properly contained in a closed container designed for such purposes. The owner of vacant land shall be responsible for keeping such land free of refuse.

Article I: Signal Receiving Antennas; Wind Energy Systems; Wireless Telecommunications Systems

Sec. 13-1-130 Signal Receiving Antennas.

- (a) **Purpose.** In order to secure uniformity and compliance with Federal Communications Commission rules (FCC 96-328) on over-the-air reception devices implementing Section 207 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, this Section regulating the placement of signal receiving antennas and over-the-air reception devices is adopted to:
- (1) Provide uniform regulation where necessary of all signal receiving antenna devices;
 - (2) Secure placement of such antennas in an aesthetically sensitive manner while allowing users reasonable reception of signals;
 - (3) Preserve the integrity of historic preservation districts;
 - (4) Protect the public from injury from roof-mounted antennas that are inadequately mounted, unduly susceptible to wind pressure, improperly installed and wired, or are placed on structures insufficiently designed or constructed to safely support the roof-mounted antenna; and
 - (5) Provide for placement of such antennas in locations that preserve access to rear property areas by firefighting apparatus and emergency personnel.
- (b) **Definitions.**
- (1) For purposes of this Section, a "signal receiving antenna" is defined as any outdoor apparatus capable of receiving communications from a transmitter or a transmitter relay located in a planetary orbit. This definition includes all types of signal receiving antennas and over-the-air reception devices, including, without limitation, parabolic antennas, home earth stations, satellite television disks, UHF and VHF television antennas, and AM, FM, ham and short-wave radio antennas, regardless of the method of mounting.
 - (2) "Owner" means the holder of record of an estate in possession in fee simple, or for life, in land or real property, or a vendee of record under a land contract for the sale of an estate in possession in fee simple or for life but does not include the vendor under a land contract. A tenant in common or joint tenant shall be considered such owner to the extent of his/her interest. The personal representative of at least one (1) owner shall be considered an owner.
- (c) **Limited Permit Requirement.**
- (1) No owner shall, within the Village of Elmwood, build, construct, use or place any type of signal receiving antenna or over-the-air reception device that is roof-mounted or proposed to be located in a designated historic preservation district until a permit shall have first been obtained from the Zoning Administrator.
 - (2) Application for a signal receiving antenna permit when required under Subsection (c)(1) shall be made in writing to the Zoning Administrator. With such application, there shall be submitted a sufficient set of mounting plans and specifications to allow a determination to be made that the device can be safely roof-mounted, or, in the case

of a historic preservation district, can be located in such a manner as to not seriously detract from the historic character of the district. There is no fee for such permit. If such application meets the requirements of this Section, the application shall be approved.

- (d) **Main-Dish Exemption.** Signal receiving devices less than twenty-four (24) inches in diameter are exempt from the requirements of this Section, except for the requirements in Subsection (e)(1), (7), (9) and (12).
- (e) **Installation Standards.** Signal receiving antennas installed in any zoning district within the Village shall comply with the following provisions:
 - (1) **Setbacks.**
 - a. Any signal receiving antenna and its mounting post shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from any side or rear property line. The purpose of setback regulations is to protect the aesthetics of the area and to preserve adequate access for emergency equipment and personnel.
 - b. Subject to the provisions herein, signal receiving antennas shall only be located in the rear yard of any lot. If reasonable reception of signals is not possible with a rear yard placement due to the physical characteristics of the lot and area, the signal receiving antenna shall be placed in the side yard of the lot. In the event that reasonable reception of signals is not possible by locating the signal receiving antenna on the rear or side yard of the property, such antenna may be placed in the front yard or on the roof of structures on the property following compliance with Subsection (c) above. For corner lots, a side yard is only a yard that does not face a street.
 - c. If side yard, front yard or roof mounting is requested, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall determine where reasonable reception is possible, based on evidence provided by the person seeking to erect or construct the antenna.
 - (2) **Mounting.** Signal receiving antennas attached to the roof of any principal or accessory structure shall be permitted only if the structure is properly constructed to carry all imposed loading and complies with applicable state and local building code requirements. The Zoning Administrator may require engineering calculations.
 - (3) **Diameter.** The diameter of the signal receiving antenna shall not exceed twelve (12) feet for the ground-mounted antenna and ten (10) feet for the roof-mounted antenna, except for stations used to provide community antenna television services.
 - (4) **Height.** A ground-mounted signal receiving antenna, including any platform or structure upon which said antenna is mounted or affixed, may not exceed fourteen (14) feet in height, as measured from the ground to the highest point of the dish.
 - (5) **Roof-Mounted Antennas.**
 - a. In all residential zoning districts, roof-mounted antennas shall only be permitted subject to the provisions contained herein:
 - 1. Earth station dish antennas exceeding thirty-six (36) inches in diameter shall not be permitted on the roof, unless allowed under Subsection (c)(2) above.

2. A roof-mounted dish antenna shall not extend higher than fifteen (15) feet above the highest point of the roof, unless allowed under Subsection (c)(2) above.
- b. In the commercial and industrial zoning districts, earth station dish antennas shall not extend more than twenty (20) feet above the height limit established for the district in which the structure is located.
- (6) **Wind Pressure.** All signal receiving antennas shall be permanently mounted in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications for installation. All such installations shall meet a minimum wind load design velocity of eighty (80) mph.
- (7) **Electrical Installations.** To safeguard public safety, electrical installations in connection with signal receiving antennas, including grounding of the system, shall be in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code, Wisconsin State Electrical Code and the instructions of the manufacturer. In cases of conflict, the stricter requirements shall govern. All cable used to conduct current or signals from the signal receiving antenna to the receivers shall be installed underground unless installation site conditions preclude underground. If a signal receiving antenna is to be used by two (2) or more residential property owners, all interconnecting electrical connections, cables and conduits must also be buried. The location of all such underground lines, cables and conduits shall be shown on the application for a permit. All signal receiving antennas shall be grounded against direct lightning strikes.
- (8) **Temporary Placement.** No portable or trailer-mounted signal receiving antenna shall be allowed, except for temporary installation for on-site testing and demonstration purposes for periods not exceeding five (5) days. However, such trial placement shall be in accordance with all provisions of this Section.
- (9) **Advertising.** No form of advertising or identification, sign or mural is allowed on the signal receiving antenna other than the customary manufacturer's identification plates.
- (10) **Interference with Broadcasting.** Signal receiving antennas shall be filtered and/or shielded so as to prevent the emission or reflection of an electromagnetic radiation that would cause any harmful interference with the radio and/or television broadcasting or reception on adjacent properties. In the event that harmful interference is caused subsequent to its installation, the owner of the signal receiving antenna shall promptly take steps to eliminate the harmful interference in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations.
- (11) **Compliance with Federal Regulations.** The installation and use of every signal receiving antenna shall be in conformity with the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 and regulations adopted thereunder, including Federal Communications Commission rules.
- (12) **Aesthetic Considerations.** Signal receiving antennas shall be located and designed to reasonably reduce visual impact from surrounding properties at street level.
- (f) **Enforcement.**
 - (1) It shall be unlawful to construct, use, build or locate any signal receiving antenna in violation of any provisions of this Section. In the event of any violation, the Village Board, a Village enforcement official, or any property owner who would be specifi-

- cally damaged by such violation may institute appropriate action or proceedings to enjoin a violation of this Section.
- (2) Any person, firm or corporation who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section shall, upon conviction, be subject to the general penalty found in Section 1-1-6.

Sec. 13-1-131 Conditional Use Permits Required—Wind Energy Systems.

- (a) **Approval Required.** No owner shall, within the Village of Elmwood, build, construct, use or place any type or kind of wind energy system without holding the appropriate conditional use permit for said system.
- (b) **Separate Permit Required for Each System.** A separate conditional use permit shall be required for each system. Said permit shall be applicable solely to the systems, structures, use and property described in the permit.
- (c) **Basis of Approval.** The Village Board shall base its determinations on general considerations as to the effect of such grant on the health, general welfare, safety and economic prosperity of the Village and, specifically, of the immediate neighborhood in which such use would be located, including such considerations as the effect on the established character and quality of the area, its physical attractiveness, the movement of traffic, the demand for related services, the possible hazardous, harmful, noxious, offensive or nuisance effect as a result of noise, dust, smoke or odor and such other factors as would be appropriate to carry out the intent of the Zoning Code.
- (d) **Definitions.** "Wind energy systems" shall mean "windmills" which are used to produce electrical or mechanical power.

Sec. 13-1-132 Permit Procedure—Wind Energy Systems.

- (a) **Application.** The permit application for a wind energy system shall be made to the Zoning Administrator on forms provided by the Village of Elmwood. The application shall include the following information:
- (1) The name and address of the applicant.
 - (2) The address of the property on which the system will be located.
 - (3) Applications for the erection of a wind energy conversion system shall be accompanied by a plat or survey for the property to be served showing the location of the generating facility and the means by which the facility will provide power to structures. If the system is intended to provide power to more than one (1) premises, the plat or survey shall show all properties to be served and the means of connection to the wind energy conversion system. A copy of all agreements with system users off the premises shall accompany the application. The application shall further

- indicate the level of noise to be generated by the system and provide assurances as to the safety features of the system. Energy easements shall accompany the application.
- (4) An accurate and complete written description of the use for which special grant is being requested, including pertinent statistics and operational characteristics.
 - (5) Plans and other drawings showing proposed development of the site and buildings, including landscape plans, location of parking and service areas, driveways, exterior lighting, type of building material, etc., if applicable.
 - (6) Any other information which the Zoning Administrator, Village Board or Building Inspector may deem to be necessary to the proper review of the application.
 - (7) The Zoning Administrator shall review the application and, if the application is complete and contains all required information, shall refer it to the Village Board.
- (b) **Hearing.** Upon referral of the application, the Village Board shall schedule a public hearing thereof following the procedures for conditional use permits in Article D.
 - (c) **Determination.** Following public hearing and necessary study and investigation, the Village Board shall, as soon as practical, render its decision and a copy be made a permanent part of the Board's minutes. Such decision shall include an accurate description of the special use permitted, of the property on which permitted, and any and all conditions made applicable thereto, or, if disapproved, shall indicate the reasons for disapproval. The Village Board may impose any conditions or exemptions necessary to minimize any burden on the persons affected by granting the special use permit.
 - (d) **Termination.** When a special use does not continue in conformity with the conditions of the original approval, or where a change in the character of the surrounding area or of the use itself cause it to be no longer compatible with surrounding areas, or for similar cause based upon consideration for the public welfare, the special grant may be terminated by action of the Village Board following a public hearing thereon.
 - (e) **Changes.** Subsequent change or addition to the approved plans or use shall first be submitted for approval to the Village Board and if, in the opinion of the Village Board, such change or addition constitutes a substantial alteration, a public hearing before the Village Board shall be required and notice thereof be given.
 - (f) **Approval Does Not Waive Permit Requirements.** The approval of a permit under this Article shall not be construed to waive the requirement to obtain electrical, building or plumbing permits prior to installation of any system.

Sec. 13-1-133 Specific Requirements Regarding Wind Energy Systems.

- (a) **Additional Standards.** Wind energy conversion systems, commonly referred to as "windmills," which are used to produce electrical power, shall also satisfy the requirements of this Section in addition to those found elsewhere in this Article.
- (b) **Application.** Applications for the erection of a wind energy conversion system shall be accompanied by a plat or survey for the property to be served showing the location of the

generating facility and the means by which the facility will provide power to structures. If the system is intended to provide power to more than one (1) premises, the plat or survey shall show all properties to be served and the means of connection to the wind energy conversion system. A copy of all agreements with system users off the premises shall accompany the application. The application shall further indicate the level of noise to be generated by the system and provide assurances as to the safety features of the system. Energy easements shall accompany the application.

- (c) **Construction.** Wind energy conversion systems shall be constructed and anchored in such a manner to withstand wind pressure of not less than forty (40) pounds per square foot in area.
- (d) **Noise.** The maximum level of noise permitted to be generated by a wind energy conversion system shall be fifty (50) decibels, as measured on a dB(A) scale, measured at the lot line.
- (e) **Electro-magnetic Interference.** Wind energy conversion system generators and alternators shall be filtered and/or shielded so as to prevent the emission of radio-frequency energy that would cause any harmful interference with radio and/or television broadcasting or reception. In the event that harmful interference is caused subsequent to the granting of a conditional use permit, the operator of the wind energy conversion system shall promptly take steps to eliminate the harmful interference in accordance with Federal Communications Commission regulations.
- (f) **Location and Height.** Wind energy conversion systems shall be located in the rear yard only and shall meet all setback and yard requirements for the district in which they are located and, in addition, shall be located not closer to a property boundary than a distance equal to their height. Wind energy conversion systems are exempt from the height requirements of this Chapter; however, all such systems over seventy-five (75) feet in height shall submit plans to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to determine whether the system is to be considered an object affecting navigable air space and subject to FAA restrictions. A copy of any FAA restrictions imposed shall be included as a part of the wind energy conversion system conditional use permit application.
- (g) **Fence Required.** All wind energy conversion systems shall be surrounded by a security fence not less than six (6) feet in height. A sign shall be posted on the fence warning of high voltages.
- (h) **Utility Company Notification.** The appropriate electric power company shall be notified, in writing, of any proposed interface with that company's grid prior to installing said interface. Copies of comments by the appropriate utility company shall accompany and be part of the application for a conditional use permit.

Sec. 13-1-134 Wire ns Systems.

- (a) **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms, when used in this Chapter or unless the context

clearly indicates otherwise or unless such meaning would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Village of Elmwood:

- (1) **Antenna.** Any structure or device for the purpose of collecting or transmitting electromagnetic waves, including, but not limited to, directional antennas, such as panels, microwave dishes, and satellite dishes, and omni-directional antennas, such as whip antennas.
- (2) **Village Engineer.** The Village Engineer of the Village of Elmwood.
- (3) **Entity.** Any individual, corporation, partnership, association or other legal entity which seeks to provide a Wireless Telecommunications System.
- (4) **FCC.** The Federal Communication Commission or its legally appointed successor.
- (5) **Permittee.** Any entity or its legal successor in interest who is issued a Wireless Telecommunications Permit and/or a Structure Location Permit in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter for the erection, construction, reconstruction, operation, dismantling, testing, use, maintenance, repair, rebuilding, or replacing of a Wireless Telecommunications System in the Village.
- (6) **Street.** Any area established for vehicular or public access use of the entire width between the property lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open for public purposes. "Street" includes, but is not limited to, a highway, avenue, road, alley, right-of-way, lane, boulevard, concourse, bridge, tunnel, parkways and waterways.
- (7) **Structure Location Permit.** A permit issued by the Zoning Administrator which authorizes the location of an Antenna or Tower at a particular geographic location.
- (8) **Total Gross Revenue.** All cash, credits or other property of any kind or nature reported as revenue items to the Permittee's audited financial statements arising from or attributable to the sale, lease, rental or exchange of Wireless Telecommunications Services or the equipment by the Permittee within the Village or in any way derived from the operation of its Wireless Telecommunications System, including, but not limited to, any interconnection between its system and the Village and any system whatsoever. This shall be the basis for computing the fee imposed pursuant to Subsection (b)(2). Such sum shall not include any bad debts, deposits, promotional or vendor discounts or credits or sales, service, occupation or other excise tax to the extent that such taxes are charged separately from normal services charges and are remitted by the Permittee directly to the taxing authority.
- (9) **Tower.** Any ground, building or roof-mounted pole, spire, structure, or combination thereof including supporting lines, cables, wires, braces, masts, intended primarily for the purpose of mounting an antenna.
- (10) **Wireless Telecommunications Permit.** The privilege granted by the Village by which it authorizes an entity to erect, construct, reconstruct, operate, dismantle, test, use, maintain, repair, build or replace a Wireless Telecommunications System. Any permit issued in accordance herewith shall be a non-exclusive permit.

- (11) **Wireless Telecommunications Service.** A licensed commercial wireless telecommunications service including cellular, Personal Communication Services ("PCS"), Specialized Mobile Radio ("SMR"), Enhanced Specialized Mobilized Radio ("ESMR") paging, and similar services that are marketed to the general public.
- (b) **License Requirements; Fees.**
- (1) No entity may construct, operate or continue to operate a Wireless Telecommunications System within the Village without having been issued a Wireless Telecommunications Permit by the Zoning Administrator.
 - (2) It shall be a term and condition of any Wireless Telecommunications Permit issued in accordance herewith and part of the consideration supporting the issuance of such Wireless Telecommunications Permit that the Permittee shall pay to the Village the sum of five percent (5%) of all Total Gross Revenue derived from the operation of Wireless Telecommunications System. Such payments shall be made annually within one hundred twenty (120) days after the close of the calendar year. All fee payments shall be subject to audit by the Village and assessment or refund if the payment is found to be in error. In the event that an audit by the Village results in an assessment of an additional payment to the Village, such additional payment shall be subject to interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month retroactive to the date such payment originally should have been made. Such payment shall be due and payable immediately and shall include the costs of conducting said audit.
 - (3) **Structure Location Permit Fees.**
 - a. All applicants for a Structure Location Permit shall pay to the Village a permit request fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 per site.
 - b. Any entity operating a Wireless Telecommunications System shall pay to the Village an annual Structure Location Permit Fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 per site.
 - (4) The request fee shall be paid to the Zoning Administrator at the time of making application for a Structure Location Permit. The annual Structure Location Permit Fee provided for in Subsection (c) above shall be paid to the Zoning Administrator annually on or before October 1 of each calendar year for the portion of the Wireless Telecommunications System within the Village right-of-way on January 1 of that year, and a prorated license fee, based upon the calendar quarter in which the application is filed, shall be paid at the time of the application for a Structure Location Permit. Such quarterly fees are due on January 1, April 1, July 1 and September 1.
 - (5) Fees not paid within ten (10) days after the due date shall incur interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month from the date due until paid.
 - (6) The acceptance of any fee payment required hereunder by Village shall not be construed as an acknowledgment that the payment paid is the correct amount due, nor shall such acceptance of payment be construed as release of any claim which the Village may have for additional sums due and payable.

(c) **Conditions of Permit.**

- (1) Any Wireless Telecommunications Permit or Structure Location Permit issued by the Village shall be a non-exclusive permit for the use of those areas within the Village specified in the Wireless Telecommunications Permit or Structure Location Permit.
- (2) Any Wireless Telecommunications Permit or Structure Location Permit issued by the Village shall continue in full force and effect so long as the Permittee is in compliance with this Chapter, all applicable federal, state and local ordinances and regulations and the space occupied is not deemed to be needed by the Village for any other public purpose.
- (3) In the event any Wireless Telecommunications Permit or Structure Location Permit is revoked by the Village, the Wireless Telecommunications System shall, at the sole option of the Village, be removed within thirty (30) days at the sole expense of the Permittee.

(d) **Permit Locations and Conditions.** Antennas and towers authorized by a Structure Location Permit shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) A proposal for a new antenna or tower shall not be approved unless the Village finds that the telecommunication equipment planned for a proposed antenna cannot be accommodated on an existing or approved tower within a one (1) mile radius of the proposed location due to one or more of the following reasons:
 - a. The planned equipment would exceed the structural capacity of the existing or approved tower, as documented by a qualified and licensed professional engineer, and the existing unit or approved tower cannot be reinforced, modified, or replaced to accommodate the planned or equivalent equipment at a reasonable cost.
 - b. The equipment would cause interference materially impacting the usability of other existing or approved equipment at the Tower as documented by a qualified and licensed professional engineer and the interference cannot be prevented at a reasonable cost.
 - c. Existing or approved towers within the search radius cannot accommodate the planned equipment at a height necessary to function reasonably as documented by qualified and licensed professional engineer.
 - d. Other unforeseen reasons make it unfeasible to locate the planned telecommunications equipment upon an existing or approved tower.
- (2) Any proposed tower shall be designed in all respect to accommodate both the applicant's antennas and comparable antennas for at least two (2) additional users if the tower is over one hundred (100) feet in height and for at least one (1) additional user if the tower is sixty (60) to one hundred (100) feet in height. Towers must be designed to allow for future rearrangements of antennas upon the tower and to accept antennas mounted at varying heights. All towers shall be erected and constructed in such a manner as to comply with all applicable Village ordinances. All towers and antennas shall be designed to blend into the surrounding environment through the use

of color and camouflaging architectural treatment, except in instances where the color is dictated by federal or state authorities such as the Federal Aviation Administration. Towers shall not be illuminated by artificial means and shall not display strobe lights except if such lighting is specifically required by the Federal Aviation Administration or other state or federal authority. Any Permittee seeking to operate a Wireless Telecommunications Systems shall provide the Village with a letter of intent signed by the tower owner committing the tower owner and his or her successors to allow the shared use of the tower if an additional user agrees in writing to meet objectively reasonable terms and conditions for share use.

(e) **Use of Streets and Pole Attachments.**

- (1) Before commencing construction of a Wireless Telecommunications System in, above, over, under, across, through or in any way connected with the streets, public ways or public places of the Village, the permittee shall first obtain the written approval of, and all other necessary permits from, all appropriate Village agencies, including, but not limited to, the Zoning Administrator and the Department of Public Works. Applicants for such approval shall be made in the form prescribed by the Village Engineer.
- (2) Upon obtaining such written approval, the Permittee shall give the Village Engineer and any other appropriate agency written notice within a reasonable time for proposed construction, but in no event shall such notice be given less than ten (10) days before commencement of such construction, except for emergency repairs of existing lines and cables.
- (3) Any entity that submits a request for a Wireless Telecommunications Permit in accordance herewith shall include therein proposed agreements for the use of existing towers and antennas, if applicable, with the owner(s) of such facilities to be used or affected by the construction of the proposed Wireless Telecommunications System.
- (4) It shall be unlawful for the Permittee or any other person or entity to open or otherwise disturb the surface of any street, sidewalk, driveway, public way or other public place for any purpose whatsoever without first obtaining approval to do so after proceeding in the manner described in Subsection (e)(1) and (2). Violation of this Subsection shall subject the Permittee to all penalties and remedies prescribed herein and to all other remedies, legal or equitable, which are available to the Village.
- (5) The Permittee shall restore any street or sidewalk it has disturbed in accordance with the provisions of the Village's standard specifications for streets and sidewalks, and shall at its own cost and expense, restore and replace any other property disturbed, damaged or in any way injured, by or on account of its activities, to as good as the condition such property was immediately prior to the disturbance, damage or injury, or pay the fair market value of such property to its owner(s), or shall make such other repairs or restoration as outlined in the approved permit.
- (6) The Permittee shall, at its own cost and expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the same street or other public place, or remove from such

street or other public place, any of its property when required to do so by the Village because of street or other public excavation, construction, repair, regrading or grading, traffic conditions, installation of sewers, drains, water pipes, Village-owned power or signal lines, tracts, vacation or relocation of streets or any other type of construction or improvement of a public agency, or any type of improvement necessary for the public health, safety or welfare, or upon termination or expiration of the permit.

- (7) The Permittee shall maintain all wires, conduits, cables or other real and personal property and facilities in good condition, order and repair. The Permittee shall provide indemnity insurance and performance bonds or demonstrate financial responsibility as shall comply with all rules and regulations issued by the Village Engineer governing the construction and installation of Wireless Telecommunications Systems.
 - (8) The Permittee shall keep accurate, complete and current maps and records of its system and facilities which occupy the streets, public ways and public places within the Village and shall furnish, as soon as they are available, two (2) complete copies of such maps and records, including as-built drawings, to the Village Engineer.
 - (9) The Permittee shall comply with all rules and regulations issued by the Village Engineer governing the construction and installation of Wireless Telecommunications Systems.
- (f) **Violation and Penalties.** Any entity who shall carry on or conduct any business or occupation or profession for which a Wireless Telecommunications Permit or a Structure Location Permit is required by this Section without first obtaining such a permit shall be considered to be in violation of this Section and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in Section 13-1-175. Each day any violation continues shall be deemed a separate, chargeable offense. No tower or antenna may be sited on residential property within the Village. Placement of towers or antennas on such residentially-zoned property shall be a violation of this Section and shall be subject to a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day for each day that the tower or antenna is in place. Any other violation of this Section shall be punished as provided in Section 13-1-175.
- (g) **Restrictions on Assignment, Transfer, Sale and Subleasing.**
- (1) The rights and privileges hereby granted are considered personal, and if the Permittee sells, assigns, transfers, leases or pledges such rights or privileges, or both, in whole or in part, either directly or by operation of the law, then the Village shall have the right to terminate any and all permits issued hereunder for no other cause. The Village shall terminate such permits in writing, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Permittee, and such termination shall be effective sixty (60) days from said date of mailing. The rights and privileges hereby granted shall not be mortgaged or encumbered without the prior consent and approval of the Village given by written resolution.
 - (2) In addition to the provisions of termination provided for in Subsection (g)(1), the Village shall have the right to terminate any and all permits issued hereunder upon any actual or pending change in, or transfer of, acquisition by any other party, or

control of Permittee. The word "control" as used in this context is not limited to major stockholders, but includes actual working control in whatever manner exercised. The Permittee shall annually submit to the Village a list of all shareholders and a list of all officers and directors. By acceptance of the Wireless Telecommunications Permit, the Permittee specifically agrees that any violation of this Section shall, at the Village's option, cause any and all permits granted the Permittee under this Section to be revoked.

(h) **Reports.**

- (1) Entities requesting a Wireless Telecommunications Permit may be required by the Village to submit evidence of financial capability to construct and operate a Wireless Telecommunications Permit. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to, previous years' audited financial statements for the entity, individual financial statements of principals or investors or such other financial information as the Village may desire.
- (2) The Permittee shall provide the Village with a written statement from an independent certified public accountant within one hundred twenty (120) days after the close of the calendar year that such certified public accountant has reviewed the books and records of the Permittee as they related to any permits issued under this Section, and based upon such review, the certified public accountant believes the payment received by the Village properly reflects the fee due to the Village with respect to this Section. The Village shall have the right to reasonable inspection of the Permittee's books and records during normal business hours.

Sec. 13-1-135 through Sec. 13-1-139 Reserved for Future Use.

Sec. 13-1-134 Wireless Telecommunications Systems.

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- (a) **Definitions.** For the purpose of this Chapter and any part hereof, the following terms, phrases, words and their definitions shall have the meaning given herein unless otherwise specifically provided, or unless the meaning would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Village of Elmwood:
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 - (10) **Wireless Telecommunications Service.** A licensed commercial wireless telecommunications service including cellular, Personal Communication Services ("PCS"), Specialized Mobile Radio ("SMR"), Enhanced Specialized Mobile Radio ("ESMR"), paging, and similar services that are marketed to the general public.
- (b) **License Requirements; Fees.**
- (1) No entity may construct, operate or continue to operate a Wireless Telecommunications System within the Village without having been issued a Wireless Telecommunications Permit by the Zoning Administrator.
 - (2) It shall be a term and condition of any Wireless Telecommunications Permit issued in accordance herewith and part of the consideration supporting the issuance of such

Wireless Telecommunications Permit that the Permittee shall pay to the Village a yearly permit fee of \$300.00.

(3) **Structure Location Permit Fees.**

(a) All applicants for a Structure Location Permit shall pay to the Village a permit request fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 per site.

(b) Any entity operating a Wireless Telecommunications System shall pay to the Village and annual Structure Location Permit Fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 per site.

(4) The requested fee shall be paid to the Zoning Administrator at the time of making application for a Structure Location Permit. The annual Structure Location Permit Fee provided for in Subsection (c) above shall be paid to the Zoning Administrator annually on or before October 1 of each calendar year for the portion of the Wireless Telecommunications System within the Village right-of-way on January 1 of that year, and a prorated license fee, based upon the calendar quarter in which the application is filed, shall be paid at the time of the application for a Structure Location Permit. Such quarterly fees are due on January 1, April 1, July 1 and September 1.

(5) Fees not paid within ten (10) days after the due date shall incur interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month from the date due until paid.

(6) The acceptance of any fee payment required hereunder by Village shall not be construed as an acknowledgment that the payment paid is the correct amount due, nor shall such acceptance of payment be construed as release of any claim which the Village may have for additional sums due and payable.

(c) **Conditions of Permit.**

(1) Any Wireless Telecommunications Permit or Structure Location Permit issued by the Village shall be a non-exclusive permit for the use of those areas within the Village specified in the Wireless Telecommunications Permit or Structure Location Permit.

(2) Any Wireless Telecommunications Permit or Structure Location Permit issued by the Village shall continue in full force and effect so long as the Permittee is in compliance with this Chapter, all applicable federal, state and local ordinances and regulations and the space occupied is not deemed to be needed by the Village for any other public purpose.

(d) **Permit Locations and Conditions.** Antennas and towers authorized by a Structure Location Permit shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) A proposal for a new antenna or tower shall not be approved unless the Village finds that the telecommunication equipment planned for a proposed antenna cannot be accommodated on an existing or approved tower within a one (1) mile radius of the proposed location due to one or more of the following reasons:

(a) The planned equipment would exceed the structural capacity of the existing or approved tower, as documented by a qualified and licensed professional engineer, and the existing unit or approved tower cannot be reinforced, modified, or replaced to accommodate the planned or equivalent equipment at a reasonable cost.

(b) The equipment would cause interference materially impacting the usability of other existing or approved equipment at the tower as documented by a qualified and licensed professional engineer and the interference cannot be prevented at a reasonable cost.

(c) Existing or approved towers within the search radius cannot accommodate the planned equipment at a height necessary to function reasonably as documented by qualified and licensed professional engineer.

(d) Other unforeseen reasons make it unfeasible to locate the planned telecommunications equipment upon an existing or approved tower.

- (2) Any proposed tower shall be designed in all respect to accommodate both the applicant's antennas and comparable antennas for at least two (2) additional users if the tower is over one hundred (100) feet in height and for at least one (1) additional user if the tower is over sixty (60) feet to one hundred (100) feet in height. Towers must be designed to allow for future rearrangements of antennas upon the tower and to accept antennas mounted at varying heights. All towers shall be erected and constructed in such a manner as to comply with all applicable Village ordinances. All towers and antennas shall be designed to blend into the surrounding environment through the use of color and camouflaging architectural treatment, except in instances where the color is dictated by federal or state authorities such as the Federal Aviation Administration. Towers shall not be illuminated by artificial means and shall not display strobe lights except if such lighting is specifically required by the Federal Aviation Administration or other state or federal authority. Any Permittee seeking to operate a Wireless Telecommunications Systems shall provide the Village with a letter of intent signed by the tower owner committing the tower owner and his or her successors to allow the shared use of the tower if an additional user agrees in writing to meet objectively reasonable terms and conditions for share use.

(e) Use of Streets and Pole Attachments.

- (1) Before commencing construction of a Wireless Telecommunications System in, above, over, under, across, through or in any way connected with the streets, public ways or public places of the Village, the Permittee shall first obtain the written approval of, and all other necessary permits from, all appropriate Village agencies, including, but limited to, the Zoning Administrator and the Department of Public Works. Applicants for such approval shall be made in the form prescribed by the Village Engineer.
- (2) Upon obtaining such written approval, the Permittee shall give the Village Engineer and any other appropriate agency written notice within a reasonable time for proposed construction, but in no event shall such notice be given less than ten (10) days before commencement of such constructions, except for emergency repairs of existing lines and cables.
- (3) Any entity that submits a request for a Wireless Telecommunications Permit in accordance herewith shall include therein proposed agreements for the use of existing towers and antennas, if applicable, with the owner(s) of such facilities to be used or affected by the construction of the proposed Wireless Telecommunications System.
- (4) It shall be unlawful for the Permittee or any other person or entity to open or otherwise disturb the surface of any street, sidewalk, driveway, public way or other public place for any purpose whatsoever without first obtaining approval to do so after proceeding in the manner described in Subsection (e)(1) and (2). Violation of this Subsection shall subject the Permittee to all penalties and

prescribed herein and to all other remedies, legal or equitable, which are resorted to by the Village.

(5) The Permittee shall restore any street or sidewalk it has disturbed in accordance with the provisions of the Village's standard specifications for streets and sidewalks, and shall at its own cost and expense, restore and replace any other property disturbed, damaged or in any way injured, by or on account of its activities, to as good as the condition such property was immediately prior to the disturbance, damage or injury, or pay the fair market value of such property to its owner(s), or shall make such other repairs or restoration as outlined in the approved permit.

(6) The Permittee shall, at its own cost and expense, protect, support, temporarily disconnect, relocate in the same street or other public place, or remove from such street to other public place, any of its property when required to do so by the Village because of street or other public excavation, construction, repair, repaving or grading, traffic conditions, installation of sewers, drains, water pipes, village-owned power or signal lines, tracts, vacation or relocation of streets or any type of construction or improvement of a public agency, or any type of improvement necessary for the public health, safety or welfare, or upon termination or expiration of the permit.

(7) The Permittee shall maintain all wires, conduits, cables or other real and personal property and facilities in good condition, order and repair. The Permittee shall provide indemnity insurance and performance bonds or demonstrate financial responsibility and shall comply with all rules and regulations issued by the Village Engineer governing the construction and installation of Wireless Telecommunications Systems.

(8) The Permittee shall keep accurate, complete and current maps and records of its system and facilities which occupy the streets, public ways and public places within the Village and shall furnish, as soon as they are available, two (2) complete copies of such maps and records, including as-built drawings, to the Village Engineer.

(9) The Permittee shall comply with all rules and regulations issued by the Village Engineer governing the construction and installation of Wireless Telecommunications Systems.

(f) **Violation and Penalties.** Any entity who shall carry on or conduct any business or occupation or profession for which a Wireless Telecommunications Permit or a Structure Location Permit is required by this Section without first obtaining such a permit shall be considered to be in violation of this Section and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in Section 13-1-175. Each day any violation continues shall be deemed a separate, chargeable offense. No tower or antenna may be sited on residential property with the Village. Placement of towers or antennas on such residentially-zoned property shall be a violation of this Section and shall be subject to a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day for each day that the tower or antenna is in place. Any other violation of this Section shall be punished as provided in Section 13-1-175.

(g) **Restrictions and Transferability**

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Wireless Telecommunications Permit. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to, previous years' audited financial statements for the entity, individual financial statements of principals or investors or such other financial information as the Village may desire.

- (2) Owners, providers or permittees shall submit an annual report by January 31. The report shall detail the use, maintenance and condition of the Transmission Facility since the previous report, availability of the site for added co-location and other information reasonably deemed necessary by the Licensing Committee. Failure to submit the report shall result in a late fee of \$200.00 per week until received. Failure to submit the report by July 1 of each year, shall result in the Licensing Committee taking Revocation Enforcement action under subsection (g)(1).

Article J: Accessory Uses and Structures; Fences

Sec. 13-1-140 Accessory Uses or Structures.

- (a) **Building Permit Required for Accessory Buildings.** No owner shall, within the Village of Elmwood, build, construct, use or place any type of an accessory building, including prefabricated accessory buildings, until a permit shall have first been obtained from the Building Inspector. Application for an accessory building permit shall be made in writing to the Building Inspector. With such application, there shall be submitted the required fee and a complete set of plans and specifications, including a plot plan or drawing accurately showing the location of the proposed accessory building with respect to adjoining alleys, lot lines and buildings. If such application meets all requirements of this Section, the application shall be approved.
- (b) **Principal Use to be Present.** An accessory use or structure in any zoning district shall not be established prior to the principal use or structure being present or under construction. Any accessory use or structure shall conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located, except as specifically otherwise provided.
- (c) **Number of Permitted Garages and Accessory Buildings on Residential Lots.**
 - (1) **Accessory Building Number Limits.** In any residential district, in addition to the principal building, a detached garage or attached garage and one (1) additional accessory building and one (1) non-portable children's play structure may be placed on a lot, except as otherwise limited by Subsections (c)(2), (d) and (e) below.
 - (2) **Limitation on Number of Garages and Accessory Buildings.** One (1) detached accessory structure per dwelling unit shall be permitted, provided the combined area of an attached garage and detached accessory structure does not exceed the maximum size limits set forth in Subsection (d) and the following number limits:
 - a. Residentially zoned parcels with a single garage attached to the dwelling are permitted to have an additional one (1) or two (2) car detached garage on the parcel. If a detached garage is erected, no other detached accessory buildings may be constructed or maintained on the parcel.
 - b. Residentially zoned parcels with more than a one (1) stall garage attached to the dwelling are permitted to have an additional one (1) stall detached garage on the parcel. If a detached garage is erected, no other detached accessory buildings may be constructed or maintained on the parcel.
 - c. Garages attached to dwellings shall be three (3) stalls or less. Dwellings with an attached three (3) stall garage are not permitted to have an additional detached garage on the parcel.
- (d) **Size Limits for Attached Residential Garages.** For residences with attached garages, one (1) attached garage per dwelling unit shall be permitted, and the dimensions of said attached garage shall be as follows:

- (1) The maximum square feet of attached garage floor area shall be limited to the smaller of either one thousand (1,000) square feet or the first floor dwelling unit area in the case of a single family residence.
- (2) The maximum square feet of attached garage floor area shall be limited to the smaller of either six hundred (600) square feet or the first floor dwelling unit area in the case of a duplex, two-family dwelling, or multi-family dwelling.

(e) Size Limits for Detached Residential Garages. For residences with detached garages, one (1) detached garage per lot shall be permitted, and the dimensions of said detached garage shall be as follows:

- (1) The maximum square feet of detached garage floor area shall be limited to the smaller of either nine hundred (900) square feet, the first floor dwelling unit area of the principal structure, or thirty-five percent (35%) of the rear yard.
- (2) The structure number limitations of Subsection (c)(2) shall be followed where applicable.

(f) Height and Setback Requirements for Attached Accessory Buildings/Garages.

- (1) Accessory buildings/garages which are attached to the principal building shall comply with the setback requirements for the principal building.
- (2) When accessory buildings are attached to the principal building by a breezeway, passageway or similar means, they become part of the principal building and shall comply in all respects with the yard requirements and local building code requirements for the principal building.

(g) Height and Setback Requirements for Detached Residential Accessory Buildings/Garages.

- (1) Garages and other detached accessory buildings shall be less than fifteen (15) feet in height. Detached garages' and accessory buildings' roof pitch shall not exceed the steepest pitch of the principal structure.
- (2) Provided that the accessory building number limits of Subsection (c)(2) are complied with, no detached accessory building(s) shall occupy more than thirty percent (30%) of the required rear yard or exceed nine hundred (900) square feet in size, whichever is more restrictive.
- (3) No detached accessory building shall be located within five (5) feet of any other accessory building.
- (4) Detached accessory buildings shall have an eight (8) foot setback from side lot lines and a six (6) foot setback from rear lot lines. However, where a rear lot abuts an alley, accessory buildings not attached to the principal building shall be located so as to be not closer than six (6) feet to the rear lot line, except that when the accessory building is a garage that has its entrance facing the alley, the rear yard setback shall be twenty (20) feet for the garage.
- (5) The dimensions of any swimming pool, detached garage, tennis court and other detached accessory buildings/structures shall be included in the determination of available lot area coverage for accessory structures.

- (6) An accessory building shall not be nearer than six (6) feet to the principal structure unless the applicable building code regulations in regard to one (1) hour fire-resistive construction are complied with.
- (7) In no event can a detached accessory structure be forward of the front line of the principal structure.
- (h) **Use Restrictions — Residential District.** Accessory uses or structures in residential districts shall not involve the conduct of any business, trade or industry except for home occupations as permitted by Section 13-1-72 and shall not be occupied as a dwelling unit. Accessory buildings shall not be used for residential purposes. Under no circumstances may a tent or recreational vehicle be used as a dwelling or an accessory structure.
- (i) **Placement Restrictions — Nonresidential Districts.** An accessory use or structure in a commercial or industrial district may be established in the rear yard or side yard and shall not be nearer than ten (10) feet to any side or rear lot line or be greater than ten (10) feet in height. Detached accessory buildings and structures in commercial and industrial districts shall not occupy more than fifty percent (50%) of the rear and side lot areas.
- (j) **Corner Lots.** When an accessory structure is located on the rear of a corner lot, it shall not be located beyond the front yard required on the adjacent interior lot to the rear, nor nearer than three (3) feet to the side line of the adjacent structure.
- (k) **Landscaping Uses.** Accessory structures and vegetation used for landscaping and decorating may be placed in any required yard area. Permitted structures and vegetation include flag poles, ornamental light standards, lawn furniture, sun dials, bird baths, trees, shrubs and flowers and gardens.
- (l) **Temporary Accessory Uses.** Temporary accessory uses such as real estate sale field offices or shelters for materials and equipment being used in the construction of the permanent structure may be permitted by the Zoning Administrator.
- (m) **Garages in Embankments in Front Yards.** Where the mean natural grade of a front yard is more than eight (8) feet above the curb level, a private garage may be erected within the front yard, provided as follows:
 - (1) That such private garage shall be located not less than five (5) feet from the front lot line;
 - (2) That the floor level of such private garage shall be not more than one (1) foot above the curb level; and
 - (3) That at least one-half (1/2) the height of such private garage shall be below the mean grade of the front yard.
- (n) **Outdoor Lighting.** Outdoor lighting installations shall not be permitted closer than three (3) feet to an abutting property line and, where not specifically otherwise regulated, shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height and shall be adequately shielded or hooded so that no excessive glare or illumination is cast upon the adjoining properties and shall not register more than one-half foot candles at the property line.
- (o) **Lawn Accessories.** Walks, drives, paved terraces and purely decorative garden accessories such as pools, fountains, statuary, sun dials, flag poles, etc., shall be permitted

in setback areas but not closer than three (3) feet to an abutting property line other than a street line.

- (p) **Retaining Walls.** Retaining walls may be permitted anywhere on the lot, provided, however, that no individual wall shall exceed six (6) feet in height, and a terrace of at least three (3) feet in width shall be provided between any series of such walls. (See Section 13-1-144.)
- (q) **Children's Play Structures.** For purposes of this Section, non-portable children's play structures, including play houses, tree houses or elevated play structures and climbing gyms, shall be considered accessory structures for purposes of complying with the setback requirements of this Section, whether such play structures are placed on a foundation or not. Portable swing sets, slides and sandboxes are not considered children's play structures for purposes of this Section. A building permit is not required for the construction of a play structure. Play structures shall not be used for storage or be constructed out of materials that would constitute a nuisance.
- (r) **Terrace Area Restrictions.** In addition to the definitions and restrictions contained in Title 6, Chapter 2 of this Code of Ordinances, no person shall place any accessory structure or use, including landscaping ornaments, stones and basketball backboard/hoops, in the terrace area.
- (s) **Offensive Uses Prohibited.** No accessory use shall be dangerous, obnoxious or offensive to persons residing in the vicinity, nor shall it impair the use, enjoyment or value of any property.
- (t) **Prohibited Dwelling Use.** No accessory dwelling unit in any Residential District shall be used or let for living purposes, whether for compensation or not.
- (u) **Gardening.** Home gardening is a permitted accessory use on any dwelling lot or the principal use on any vacant lot or parcel.
- (v) **Dog Houses/Runs.** Dog houses and/or runs shall comply with the setback requirements for accessory structures in that district.
- (w) **Agricultural Structures.** Agricultural structures in properly zoned districts such as barns, silos and windmills shall not exceed in height twice their distance from the nearest lot line.

Sec. 13-1-141 Outside Storage of Firewood.

- (a) No person shall store firewood in the front yard on residentially zoned property, except that firewood may be temporarily stored in the front yard for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of its delivery.
- (b) Firewood should be neatly stacked and may not be stacked closer than two (2) feet to any lot line and not higher than six (6) feet from grade, except adjacent to a fence where firewood can be stacked against the fence as high as the fence. Fences as used in this Section shall not include hedges and other vegetation.

Sec. 13-1-142 Fences

- (a) **Fences Defined.** For the purpose of this Section, a "fence" is herein defined as an enclosed barrier consisting of wood, stone or metal intended to prevent ingress or egress. No fence shall be constructed of unsightly or dangerous materials which would constitute a nuisance.
- (b) **Fences Categorized.** Fences shall be categorized into the following classifications:
- (1) **Boundary Fence.** A fence placed within three (3) feet of the property lines of adjacent properties.
 - (2) **Protective Fence.** A fence constructed to enclose a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare.
 - (3) **Architectural or Aesthetic Fence.** A fence constructed to enhance the appearance of the structure or the landscape.
- (c) **Height and Placement of Fences Regulated.**
- (1) Residential fences six (6) feet or less in height are permitted on rear and side lot lines. Residential fences less than or equal to three (3) feet in height are permitted in the street yard setback area but shall not be closer than two (2) feet to any public right-of-way. All fences must be constructed and maintained in a good state of repair and appearance.
 - (2) A. In order to provide adequate vision clearance on corner lots, no fence shall be erected or maintained within the triangular space formed by two (2) intersecting street, alley, or driveway (public or private) property lines and a line joining points on such property lines (or projections thereof) located less than:
 1. A minimum of twenty (20) feet from the intersection of the two street property line;
 2. A minimum of fifteen (15) feet from the intersection of the two alley property lines; or
 3. A minimum of ten (10) feet from the intersection of the two driveway property lines.B. Street or alley property lines are measured from the right-of-way or easement lines establishing such street or alley. Driveway lines are measured from the easement establishing such driveway, or, in the case of no easement, from the edge of the driveway surface.
 - (3) In any residential district or on any lot or premises, the principal use of which is for residential purposes, no lengthwise fence or other lengthwise barrier or obstruction shall be erected, placed, installed or reinstalled in any area where there is a distance between main residential buildings of ten (10) feet or less.
 - (4) No fence or wall shall be erected, placed or maintained along a lot line on any non-residentially zoned property, adjacent to a residentially zoned property, to a height exceeding eight (8) feet.

(d) Setback for Residential Fences. Fences in or adjacent to a residential property (or property primarily residential in use) are permitted with a minimum three (3) foot setback, but shall not extend into the front setback area as extended to the side lot lines.

(e) Security Fences. Security fences are permitted on the property lines in all districts except residential districts, but shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height and shall be of an open type similar to woven wire or wrought iron fencing.

(f) Prohibited Fences.

1. No fence shall be constructed which is of a dangerous condition, or which uses barbed wire, provided, however, that barbed wire may be used in industrially zoned areas if the devices securing the barbed wire to the fence are eight (8) feet above the ground or height and project toward the fenced property and away from any public area.
2. Although fences which conduct electricity or are designed to electrically shock are generally prohibited, such fences using smooth wire are allowed for the limited purpose of deer control.
3. No woven, twisted, welded or interlaced wire fence, such as using chicken wire, shall be located in a non-industrial district, unless such fencing is ornamental in character.
4. No wood-slat or plastic snow fence shall be permitted as a regular use in a Residential District, except as a temporary use under Subsection (h).

(g) Fences to be Repaired.

1. All fences shall be maintained and kept safe and in a state of good repair, and the finished side or decorative side of the fence shall face adjoining property.
2. Any existing fences which do not conform to the requirements of this Section and which are damaged, or in need of repair to the extent that exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the then value of the fence, said entire fence shall either be completely dismantled or reconstructed in compliance with the provision of this Section.
3. All new and existing fences shall be maintained in such a manner so as not to allow rust, dents or deterioration to take place. If a fence needs repair and maintenance, said fence shall be painted or stained in only neutral colors. Failure to maintain a fence in good condition and repair will result in the Village issuing an order to the property owner to take whatever steps are necessary to correct the condition. Said notice shall set forth a reasonable time for compliance and shall set forth a notice that failure to comply will result in a violation and with a penalty set forth in Section 1-1-6.

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- (1) Fences erected for the protection of planting or to warn of construction hazard, or for similar purposes, shall be clearly visible or marked with colored streamers or other such

warning devices at four (4) foot intervals. Such fences shall comply with the setback requirements set forth in this Section. The issuance of a permit shall not be necessary for temporary fences as described herein, but said fences shall not be erected for more than forty-five (45) days.

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- (1) In any non-residential area, fences shall be of such type and construction that shall allow people outside the fence to see through it without hindrance. However, if a residence exists in a non-residential zone, a fence may be constructed pursuant to the requirements of Subsection (i)(2) below. In an industrial area where barbed wire is used, the lowest strand shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet above the grade.
- (2) All fences hereafter erected or constructed shall provide openings for a passage of air equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of the surface area of the fence and shall have the same structural components thereof facing the side of the property for and on which the same are erected. In residential areas where privacy is desired, privacy fences with less than such twenty-five percent (25%) open spacing may be erected, provided such fence may not extend farther than twenty-five (25%) from the main rear line of such residence. A fence situated in a residential area shall be constructed only of wood or chain link type fencing. Fences shall not be constructed of luminous materials or smooth or corrugated metal materials. All fences, including privacy fences, if said fence is to be stained or painted by the property owner or on his/her behalf, shall be stained or painted in only neutral colors.

- (j) **Special Purpose Fences.** Fences for confining dogs, etc., shall not exceed seven (7) feet in height, and shall be no larger than necessary for such purpose and shall conform to the building setbacks of this Chapter. Swimming pool and hot tub fences shall comply with the requirements of Section 13-1-143.
- (k) **Height Determination.** The height of any fence erected under this Section shall be determined by the measurement from the uppermost point of the fence to the existing ground level of the property.
- (l) **Nonconforming Fences.** Any fence existing on the effective date of this Chapter and not in conformance with this Section may be maintained, but alterations,

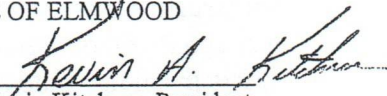
modifications or improvements of more than fifty percent (50%) of said fence shall require the owner to bring the fence into compliance with this Section.

- (m) **Fence Permit Required.** No person shall erect a fence in the Village without first obtaining a fence permit from the Village and paying the required permit fee. The applicant shall provide the Zoning Administrator with accurate design information for the proposed fence. Permits may only be issued for proposed fences complying with this Section.
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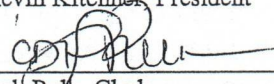
Passed and Adopted September 12, 2005

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD

By: _____


Kevin Kitchner, President

Attest: _____


Jodi Pulk, Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-02

An Ordinance to amend Section 13-1-142 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Elmwood.

The Village Board of the Village of Elmwood **DO HEREBY ORDAIN** as follows:

Section 1. Section 13-1-142 is hereby amended to delete the words "on lot lines" from the first sentence of Section 13-1-142(d)

Section 2. Section 13-1-142 is hereby amended to add the words "a minimum three (3) foot setback" to the first sentence of Section 13-1-142(d) to now read "Fences in or adjacent to a residential property (or property primarily residential in use) are permitted with a minimum three (3) foot setback, but shall not extend into the front setback area as extended to the side lot lines."

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Passed and Adopted September 12, 2005

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- (c) All brush, debris and refuse from processing of firewood shall be promptly and properly disposed of within fifteen (15) days and shall not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- (d) Woodpiles that contain diseased wood that is capable of transmitting disease to healthy trees and woodpiles that harbor or are infested or inhabited by rats or other vermin are public nuisances and may be abated pursuant to the provisions of this Code of Ordinances.
- (e) Not more than twenty percent (20%) of the side and rear yard may be used for storage of firewood at any one (1) time.

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easement establishing such driveway, or, in the case of no easement, from the edge of the driveway surface.

- (3) In any residential district or on any lot or premises, the principal use of which is for residential purposes, no lengthwise fence or other lengthwise barrier or obstruction shall be erected, placed, installed or reinstalled in any area where there is a distance between main residential buildings of ten (10) feet or less.
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- (d) **Setback for Residential Fences.** Fences in or adjacent to a residential property (or property primarily residential in use) are permitted on lot lines. Fences may be constructed alongside lot lines but shall not extend into the front setback area as extended to the side lot lines.
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- (m) **Fence Permit Required.** No person shall erect a fence in the Village without first obtaining a fence permit from the Village and paying the required permit fee. The applicant shall provide the Zoning Administrator with accurate design information for the proposed fence. Permits may only be issued for proposed fences complying with this Section.
- (n) **Location Determination.** The property owner erecting a fence is solely responsible for ensuring that the fence is located properly on his/her property.

Sec. 13-1-143 Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs.

- (a) **Definition.** A private or residential swimming pool is an outdoor structure containing a body of water in a receptacle or other container having a depth for water at any point greater than two (2) feet located above or below the surface of ground elevation, having an area greater than one hundred fifty (150) square feet, used or intended to be used solely by the owner, operator or lessee thereof and his/her family, and by friends invited to use it, and includes all structural facilities, appliances and appurtenances, equipment and other items used and intended to be used for the operation and maintenance of a private or residential swimming pool.
- (b) **Exempt Pools.** Storable children's swimming or wading pools, with a maximum dimension of fifteen (15) feet and a maximum wall height of twenty-four (24) inches and which are so constructed that it may be readily disassembled for storage and reassembled to its original integrity are exempt from the provisions of this Section.
- (c) **Permit; Construction Requirements.** In addition to such other requirements as may be reasonably imposed by the Zoning Administrator, the Zoning Administrator shall not issue a permit for construction or installation of a swimming pool or hot tub unless the following construction requirements are observed and the fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 is paid:
 - (1) All materials and methods of construction in the construction, alteration, addition, remodeling or other improvements for pool or hot tub installation shall be in accord with all state regulations and with any and all Ordinances of the Village now in effect or hereafter enacted.
 - (2) All plumbing work shall be in accordance with all applicable Ordinances of the Village and all state codes. Every private or residential swimming pool or hot tub shall be provided with a suitable draining method and, in no case, shall waters from any pool or hot tub be drained into the sanitary sewer system, onto lands of other property owners adjacent to that on which the pool is located on in the general vicinity.
 - (3) All electrical installations, including lighting and heating but not limited thereto, which are provided for, installed and used in conjunction with a private swimming pool or hot tub shall be in conformance with the state laws and Village Ordinances regulating electrical installations.

(d) **Setbacks and Other Requirements.**

- (1) Private swimming pools or hot tubs shall be erected or constructed on rear or side lots only and only on a lot occupied by a principal building. No swimming pool or hot tub shall be erected or constructed on an otherwise vacant lot. A lot shall not be considered vacant if the owner owns the contiguous lot and said lot is occupied by a principal building.
- (2) No swimming pool or hot tub shall be located, constructed or maintained closer to any side or rear lot line than is permitted in the Zoning Code for an accessory building, and in no case shall the water line of any pool or hot tub be less than six (6) feet from any lot line.
- (3) Swimming pools and hot tubs shall not be constructed in the front yard or in a required corner side yard.
- (4) Swimming pools either open or enclosed shall be considered the same as accessory buildings for purposes of calculating the maximum area they may occupy in a required rear yard.

(e) **Enclosure.**

- (1) **Fence; In-Ground Pools.** All outdoor, below grade swimming pools shall have a fence or other solid structure not less than four (4) feet in height completely enclosing the pool with no opening therein (other than doors or gates) larger than three (3) inches square. All gates or doors opening through the enclosure shall be kept securely closed and locked at all times when not in actual use and shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device designed to keep and be capable of keeping such door or gate securely locked at all times when not in actual use.
- (2) **Above-Ground Pools; Pool Wall Barrier.**
 - a. An approved barrier shall consist of a solid wall of durable material of which the pool itself is constructed and shall extend directly above the vertical water enclosing wall of the pool. Such walls shall extend more than three (3) feet above the level of the ground immediately adjacent to the pool. Such a solid pool wall barrier shall not be located within six (6) feet of any other wall or fence or other structure which can be readily climbed by children. Every entrance to a pool, such as a ladder, must be secured or adequately safeguarded to prevent unauthorized entry into the pool.
 - b. The pool enclosure may be omitted where portable pools are installed above ground and have a raised deck around the entire pool perimeter with an attached enclosed railing a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches high on the top.
- (3) **Miscellaneous Requirements.**
 - a. Swimming pools and hot tubs surrounded in whole or in part by a deck which has steps leading to the swimming pool or hot tub shall be equipped with a gate a minimum of four (4) feet in height and capable of being latched and locked with a combination lock or by a lock worked by a key to secure access to the swimming pool or hot tub when not in use.

- b. Service gates and gates which are part of a fence or wall enclosing a swimming pool or hot tub which are located across a driveway shall be kept closed and latched at all times by the property owner or occupier when not in use for ingress or egress. When such areas are not in use, such gates shall be locked with a combination lock or by a lock worked by a key.
- c. Hot tubs equipped with a fitted cover and capable of supporting a minimum of two hundred (200) pounds shall be exempt from required fencing.
- (f) **Draining and Approval Thereof.** No private swimming pool shall be constructed so as to allow water therefrom to drain into any sanitary sewer nor to overflow upon or cause damage to any adjoining property. Provisions may be made for draining the contents of any swimming pool into a storm sewer, but such installation shall be subject to prior approval by the Plumbing Inspector.
- (g) **Filter System Required.** All private swimming pools within the meaning of this Chapter must have, in connection therewith, some filtration system to assure proper circulation of the water therein and maintenance of the proper bacterial quality thereof.
- (h) **Dirt Bottoms Prohibited.** All swimming pools of a permanent nature shall have the sides and bottom of a smooth finish, and no sand or dirt bottom shall be permitted.

Sec. 13-1-144 Retaining Walls.

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to protect public and private property from the effects of poorly designed and constructed retaining walls.
- (b) **Permit Required.** A permit shall be required for all retaining walls constructed that exceed twenty-four (24) inches in height, including terraced retaining wall projects where the total height of all walls exceeds twenty-four (24) inches, and are closer than fifteen (15) feet to a property line.
- (c) **Application.** Application shall be made to the Zoning Administrator on forms provided and shall include a site plan and a set of construction plans. Plans sealed by a professional engineer registered in the State and/or other information necessary to adequately review the proposed retaining wall may also be required by the Zoning Administrator.
- (d) **Performance Standards.** A retaining wall shall be designed to resist the lateral pressure of the retained material in accordance with accepted engineering practice. Walls retaining drained earth may be designed for pressure equivalent to that exerted by an equivalent fluid weighing not less than thirty (30) pounds per cubic foot and having a depth equal to that of the retained earth. Any surcharge shall be in addition to the equivalent fluid pressure.
- (e) **Setbacks.** Setbacks for retaining walls shall be as established under Section 13-1-140(l).

Sec. 13-1-145 through Sec. 13-1-149 Reserved for Future Use.

failure to comply will result in a violation and with a penalty set forth in Section 1-1-6.

(h) **Temporary Fences.**

- (1) Fences erected for the protection of planting or to warn of construction hazard, or for similar purposes, shall be clearly visible or marked with colored streamers or other such warning devices at four (4) foot intervals. Such fences shall comply with the setback requirements set forth in this Section. The issuance of a permit shall not be necessary for temporary fences as described herein, but said fences shall not be erected for more than forty-five (45) days.
- (2) This Section is not intended to regulate seasonal or temporary fences such as garden or snow fences except that such fences shall be removed when the condition or season for the said fence was erected no longer exists. There shall be no fee for any such seasonal or temporary fence.

(i) **Visibility; Open Spacing Requirement for Commercial/Industrial Fences.**

- (1) In any non-residential area, fences shall be of such type and construction that shall allow people outside the fence to see through it without hindrance. However, if a residence exists in a non-residential zone, a fence may be constructed pursuant to the requirements of Subsection (i)(2) below. In an industrial area where barbed wire is used, the lowest strand shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet above the grade.
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- (k) **Height Determination.** The height of any fence erected under this Section shall be determined by the measurement from the uppermost point of the fence to the existing ground level of the property.

- (l) **Nonconforming Fences.** Any fence existing on the effective date of this Chapter and not in conformance with this Section may be maintained, but alterations, modifications or improvements of more than fifty percent (50%) of said fence shall require the owner to bring the fence into compliance with this Section.

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- (n) **Location Determination.** The property owner erecting a fence is solely responsible for ensuring that the fence is located properly on his/her property.

Sec. 13-1-143 Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs.

- (a) **Definition.** A private or residential swimming pool is an outdoor structure containing a body of water in a receptacle or other container having a depth for water at any point greater than two (2) feet located above or below the surface of ground elevation, having an area greater than one hundred fifty (150) square feet, used or intended to be used solely by the owner, operator or lessee thereof and his/her family, and by friends invited to use it, and includes all structural facilities, appliances and appurtenances, equipment and other items used and intended to be used for the operation and maintenance of a private or residential swimming pool.
- (b) **Exempt Pools.** Storable children's swimming or wading pools, with a maximum dimension of fifteen (15) feet and a maximum wall height of twenty-four (24) inches and which are so constructed that it may be readily disassembled for storage and reassembled to its original integrity are exempt from the provisions of this Section.
- (c) **Permit; Construction Requirements.** In addition to such other requirements as may be reasonably imposed by the Zoning Administrator, the Zoning Administrator shall not issue a permit for construction or installation of a swimming pool or hot tub unless the following construction requirements are observed and the fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 is paid:
 - (1) All materials and methods of construction in the construction, alteration, addition, remodeling or other improvements for pool or hot tub installation shall be in accord with all state regulations and with any and all Ordinances of the Village now in effect or hereafter enacted.
 - (2) All plumbing work shall be in accordance with all applicable Ordinances of the Village and all state codes. Every private or residential swimming pool or hot tub shall be provided with a suitable draining method and, in no case, shall waters from any pool or hot tub be drained into the sanitary sewer system, onto lands of other property owners adjacent to that on which the pool is located on in the general vicinity.
 - (3) All electrical installations, including lighting and heating but not limited thereto, which are provided for, installed and used in conjunction with a private swimming pool or hot tub shall be in conformance with the state laws and Village Ordinances regulating electrical installations.

(d) **Setbacks and Other Requirements.**

- (1) Private swimming pools or hot tubs shall be erected or constructed on rear or side lots only and only on a lot occupied by a principal building. No swimming pool or hot tub shall be erected or constructed on an otherwise vacant lot. A lot shall not be considered vacant if the owner owns the contiguous lot and said lot is occupied by a principal building.
- (2) No swimming pool or hot tub shall be located, constructed or maintained closer to any side or rear lot line than is permitted in the Zoning Code for an accessory building, and in no case shall the water line of any pool or hot tub be less than six (6) feet from any lot line.
- (3) Swimming pools and hot tubs shall not be constructed in the front yard or in a required corner side yard.
- (4) Swimming pools either open or enclosed shall be considered the same as accessory buildings for purposes of calculating the maximum area they may occupy in a required rear yard.

(e) **Enclosure.**

- (1) **Fence; In-Ground Pools.** All outdoor, below grade swimming pools shall have a fence or other solid structure not less than four (4) feet in height completely enclosing the pool with no opening therein (other than doors or gates) larger than three (3) inches square. All gates or doors opening through the enclosure shall be kept securely closed and locked at all times when not in actual use and shall be equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device designed to keep and be capable of keeping such door or gate securely locked at all times when not in actual use.
- (2) **Above-Ground Pools; Pool Wall Barrier.**
 - a. An approved barrier shall consist of a solid wall of durable material of which the pool itself is constructed and shall extend directly above the vertical water enclosing wall of the pool. Such walls shall extend more than three (3) feet above the level of the ground immediately adjacent to the pool. Such a solid pool wall barrier shall not be located within six (6) feet of any other wall or fence or other structure which can be readily climbed by children. Every entrance to a pool, such as a ladder, must be secured or adequately safeguarded to prevent unauthorized entry into the pool.
 - b. The pool enclosure may be omitted where portable pools are installed above ground and have a raised deck around the entire pool perimeter with an attached enclosed railing a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches high on the top.
- (3) **Miscellaneous Requirements.**
 - a. Swimming pools and hot tubs surrounded in whole or in part by a deck which has steps leading to the swimming pool or hot tub shall be equipped with a gate a minimum of four (4) feet in height and capable of being latched and locked with a combination lock or by a lock worked by a key to secure access to the swimming pool or hot tub when not in use.

- b. Service gates and gates which are part of a fence or wall enclosing a swimming pool or hot tub which are located across a driveway shall be kept closed and latched at all times by the property owner or occupier when not in use for ingress or egress. When such areas are not in use, such gates shall be locked with a combination lock or by a lock worked by a key.
- c. Hot tubs equipped with a fitted cover and capable of supporting a minimum of two hundred (200) pounds shall be exempt from required fencing.
- (f) **Draining and Approval Thereof.** No private swimming pool shall be constructed so as to allow water therefrom to drain into any sanitary sewer nor to overflow upon or cause damage to any adjoining property. Provisions may be made for draining the contents of any swimming pool into a storm sewer, but such installation shall be subject to prior approval by the Plumbing Inspector.
- (g) **Filter System Required.** All private swimming pools within the meaning of this Chapter must have, in connection therewith, some filtration system to assure proper circulation of the water therein and maintenance of the proper bacterial quality thereof.
- (h) **Dirt Bottoms Prohibited.** All swimming pools of a permanent nature shall have the sides and bottom of a smooth finish, and no sand or dirt bottom shall be permitted.

Sec. 13-1-144 Retaining Walls.

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to protect public and private property from the effects of poorly designed and constructed retaining walls.
- (b) **Permit Required.** A permit shall be required for all retaining walls constructed that exceed twenty-four (24) inches in height, including terraced retaining wall projects where the total height of all walls exceeds twenty-four (24) inches, and are closer than fifteen (15) feet to a property line.
- (c) **Application.** Application shall be made to the Zoning Administrator on forms provided and shall include a site plan and a set of construction plans. Plans sealed by a professional engineer registered in the State and/or other information necessary to adequately review the proposed retaining wall may also be required by the Zoning Administrator.
- (d) **Performance Standards.** A retaining wall shall be designed to resist the lateral pressure of the retained material in accordance with accepted engineering practice. Walls retaining drained earth may be designed for pressure equivalent to that exerted by an equivalent fluid weighing not less than thirty (30) pounds per cubic foot and having a depth equal to that of the retained earth. Any surcharge shall be in addition to the equivalent fluid pressure.
- (e) **Setbacks.** Setbacks for retaining walls shall be as established under Section 13-1-140(l).

Sec. 13-1-145 through Sec. 13-1-149 Reserved for Future Use.

Sec. 13-1-150 Height Modifications.

The District height limitations stipulated elsewhere in this Chapter may be exceeded, but such modification shall be in accord with the following:

- (a) **Architectural Projections.** Architectural projections such as spires, belfries, parapet walls, cupolas, domes, flues and chimneys are exempt from the height limitations of this Chapter.
- (b) **Special Structure Height Limitations.** Special structures such as elevator penthouses, gas tanks, grain elevators, scenery lofts, radio and television receiving antennas, manufacturing equipment and necessary mechanical appurtenances, cooling towers, fire towers, substations and smokestacks are exempt from the height limitations of this Chapter.
- (c) **Essential Services Height Limitations.** Essential services, utilities, water towers, and electric power and communication transmission lines are subject to conditional use permit.
- (d) **Communications Structures Height Restrictions.** Communications structures such as radio and television transmission and relay towers, aerial and observation towers, shall not exceed in height three (3) times their distance from the nearest lot line.
- (e) **Agricultural Structures Height Restrictions.** Agricultural structures such as barns, silos and water windmills shall not exceed in height twice their distance from the nearest lot line.
- (f) **Public Facilities Height Restrictions.** Public or semi-public facilities such as schools, churches, hospitals, monuments, sanitariums, libraries, governmental offices and stations may be erected to a height of sixty (60) feet, provided all required yards are increased not less than one (1) foot for each foot the structure exceeds the District's maximum height requirement.

Sec. 13-1-151 Yards Modifications.

The yard requirements stipulated elsewhere in this Chapter may be modified as follows:

- (a) **Uncovered Stair Restrictions.** Uncovered stairs, landings and fire escapes may project into any yard, but not to exceed six (6) feet and not closer than six (6) feet to any lot line, and must be eight (8) feet or more above ground.
- (b) **Architectural Projection Restrictions.** Architectural projections such as chimneys, flues, sills, eaves, belt courses and ornaments may project into any required yard (setback requirements), but such projection shall not exceed two (2) feet.
- (c) **Cul-de-Sac and Curve Restrictions.** Residential lot frontage on cul-de-sacs and curves may be less than sixty (60) feet provided the width at the building setback line is at least sixty (60) feet and the street frontage is no less than forty-five (45) feet.
- (d) **Essential Services Exemptions.** Essential services, utilities, electric power and communication transmission lines are exempt from the yard and distance requirements of this Chapter.

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- (e) **Average Street Yard Restrictions.** The required street yards may be decreased in any residential or business district to the average of the existing street yards of the abutting structures on each side, but in no case less than fifteen (15) feet in any residential district and five (5) feet in any business district, except the B-1 General Commercial District.
- (f) **Detached Garage.** Detached garages are permitted in the rear yard and side yard only.
- (g) **Corner Lots.** Structures shall provide a street yard as required by this Chapter on the street that the structure faces. A second street yard shall be provided on the side of the structure abutting a second public or private street.

Sec. 13-1-152 through Sec. 13-1-169 Reserved for Future Use.

Article L: Administration

Sec. 13-1-170 General Administrative System.

This Chapter contemplates an administrative and enforcement officer entitled the "Zoning Administrator" to administer and enforce the same. Certain considerations, particularly with regard to granting of permitted conditional uses, planned unit development conditional uses, changes in zoning districts and zoning map, and amending the text of this Zoning Chapter require review and action by the Village Board. A Zoning Board of Appeals is provided to assure proper administration of the Chapter and to avoid arbitrariness.

Sec. 13-1-171 Zoning Administrator.

- (a) **General Duties.** The Zoning Administrator is hereby designated as the primary administrative officer for the provisions of this Chapter, and shall be referred to as the Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator shall be appointed by resolution of the Village Board. The duty of the Zoning Administrator shall be to interpret and administer this Chapter and to issue all permits required by this Chapter. The Zoning Administrator shall further:
- (1) Issue all zoning certificates, and make and maintain records; which records shall be maintained in the Village hall.
 - (2) Conduct inspections of buildings, structures, and use of land to determine compliance with the terms of this Chapter.
 - (3) Maintain permanent and current records of this Chapter, including but not limited to, all maps, amendments, conditional uses, variances, appeals and applications therefore.
 - (4) Provide and maintain a public information function relative to all matters arising out of this Chapter.
 - (5) Receive, file and forward to the Village Clerk-Treasurer all applications for amendments to this Chapter.
 - (6) Receive, file and forward to the Plan Commission all applications for conditional uses.
 - (7) Receive, file and forward to the Board of Appeals all applications for appeals, variances, or other matters on which the Board of Appeals is required to act under this Chapter, and shall attend all Board of Appeals meetings to provide technical assistance when requested by the Village Board.
 - (8) Initiate, direct and review from time to time a study of the provisions of this Chapter, and make recommendations to the Plan Commission not less than once a year.
- (b) **Optional Assignment of Duties.** Due to the size of the Village of Elmwood, it may not be feasible to find a suitable person willing to take on the responsibility of being Zoning Administrator on a part-time basis. It is therefore provided that the function of the Zoning Administrator can be delegated to a committee of the Board, to another Village official, or a single member of the Board or the Village President. An officer other than a Board

member or another employee of the Village may also be designated to handle the duties of Zoning Administrator or part-time basis in addition to the other duties performed by such person.

Sec. 13-1-172 Role of Specific Village Officials in Zoning Administration.

- (a) **Plan Commission.** The Plan Commission, together with its other statutory duties, shall make reports and recommendations relating to the plan and development of the Village to the Village Board, other public officials and other interested organizations and citizens. In general, the Plan Commission shall have such powers as may be necessary to enable it to perform its functions and promote municipal planning. Under this Chapter, one of its functions is to make recommendations to the Village Board pursuant to guidelines set forth in this Chapter as to various matters and always being mindful of the intent and purposes of this Chapter. Recommendations shall be in writing. A recording thereof in the Commission's minutes shall constitute the required written recommendation. The Commission may, in arriving at its recommendation, on occasion and of its own volition, conduct its own public hearing.
- (b) **Village Board.** The Village Board, the governing body of the Village, subject to recommendations by the Plan Commission, has ultimate authority to make changes and amendments in zoning districts, the zoning map and supplementary floodland zoning map; and to amend the text of this Chapter. The Board may delegate to the Plan Commission the responsibility to hold some or all public hearings as required under this subchapter and other provisions therefore elsewhere in this Chapter.
- (c) **Zoning Board of Appeals.** A Zoning Board of Appeals is established to provide an appeal procedure for persons who deem themselves aggrieved by decisions of administrative officers in enforcement of this Chapter. See Article N of this Chapter for detail provisions.

Sec. 13-1-173 Zoning Permit.

- (a) **Zoning Certificate Required.** No building permit for a new structure, new use of land, water or air, or change in the use of land, water or air shall hereafter be issued and no structure or part thereof shall hereafter be located, erected, moved, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, converted, or structurally altered unless the application for such permit has been examined by the office of the Zoning Administrator and has affixed to it a certificate of the office of the Zoning Administrator indicating that the proposed use of land, buildings or structures and any future proposed buildings or structures comply with all of the provisions of this Chapter.

- (b) **Application.** Applications for a zoning permit shall be made to the Zoning Administrator and shall include the following where pertinent and necessary for proper review:
- (1) Names and addresses of the applicant, owner of the site, architect, professional engineer and contractor.
 - (2) Description of the subject site by lot, block and recorded subdivision or by metes and bounds; address of the subject site; type of structure; existing and proposed operation or use of the structure or site; number of employees; and the zoning district within which the subject site lies.
 - (3) Plat of survey prepared by a land surveyor registered in the State of Wisconsin or other map drawn to scale and showing such of the following as may be required by the Zoning Administrator: the location, boundaries, dimensions, uses, and size of the following: subject site; existing and proposed structures; existing and proposed easements, streets and other public ways; public utilities; off-street parking, loading areas and driveways; existing highway access restrictions; high water; channel, floodway and floodplain boundaries; and existing and proposed street, side and rear yards.
 - (4) Additional information as may be required by the Zoning Administrator, Village Board or Plan Commission (if involved).
- (c) **Action.**
- (1) A zoning permit shall be granted or denied in writing by the Zoning Administrator within thirty (30) days of application and the applicant shall post such permit in a conspicuous place at the site.
 - (2) The permit shall expire within six (6) months unless substantial work has commenced or within eighteen (18) months after the issuance of the permit if the structure for which a permit is issued is not substantially completed, in which case of expiration, the application shall reapply for a zoning permit before commencing work on the structure.
 - (3) Any permit issued in conflict with the provisions of this Chapter shall be null and void.

Sec. 13-1-174 Site Plan Approval.

- (a) **Site Plan Approval.** All applications for building permits for any construction, reconstruction, expansion or conversion in an R-4, R-5, B-1, B-2, B-3, I-1, AEO or E-1 District, shall require site plan approval by the Plan Commission in accordance with the requirements of this Section.
- (b) **Application.** The applicant for a zoning or building permit shall also submit a site plan and sufficient plans and specifications of proposed buildings, machinery and operations to enable the Plan Commission or its expert consultants to determine whether the proposed application meets all the requirements applicable thereto in this Chapter.

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- (c) **Administration.** The Zoning Administrator shall make a preliminary review of the application and plans and refer them, along with a report of his findings, to the Plan Commission within ten (10) days. The Plan Commission shall review the application and may refer the application and plans to any expert consultants selected by the Plan Commission and/or Village Engineer to advise whether the application and plans meet all the requirements applicable thereto in this Chapter. Within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the application, the Plan Commission shall authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue or refuse a zoning permit.
- (d) **Requirements.** In acting on any site plan, the Plan Commission may impose conditions upon the issuance of site plan approval as it deems necessary to address the following issues:
- (1) The appropriateness of the site plan and buildings in relation to the physical character of the site and the usage of adjoining land areas.
 - (2) The layout of the site with regard to entrances and exits to public streets; the arrangement and improvement of interior roadways; the location, adequacy and improvement of areas for parking and for loading and unloading and shall, in this connection, satisfy itself that the traffic pattern generated by the proposed construction or use shall be developed in a manner consistent with the safety of residents and the community, and the applicant shall so design the construction or use as to minimize any traffic hazard created thereby.
 - (3) The adequacy of the proposed water supply, drainage facilities and sanitary and waste disposal.
 - (4) The landscaping and appearance of the completed site. The Plan Commission may require that those portions of all front, rear and side yards not used for off-street parking shall be attractively planted with trees, shrubs, plants or grass lawns and that the site be effectively screened so as not to impair the value of adjacent properties nor impair the intent or purposes of this Section.
- (e) **Effect on Municipal Services.** Before granting any site approval, the Plan Commission may, besides obtaining advice from consultants, secure such advice as may be deemed necessary from the Village Engineer or other municipal officials, with special attention to the effect of such approval upon existing municipal services and utilities. Should additional facilities be needed, the Plan Commission shall forward its recommendations to the Village Board and shall not issue final approval until the Village Board has entered into an agreement with the applicant regarding the development of such facilities.

Sec. 13-1-175 Violations and Penalties.

- (a) **Violations.** It shall be unlawful to use or improve any structure or land, or to use water or air in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter. In case of any violation, the

- Village Board, Plan Commission, the Zoning Administrator or any property owner who would be specifically damaged by such violation may cause appropriate action or proceeding to be instituted to enjoin a violation of this Chapter or cause a structure to be vacated or removed.
- (b) **Remedial Action.** Whenever an order of the Zoning Administrator has not been complied with within thirty (30) days after written notice has been mailed to the owner, resident agent or occupant of the premises, the Village Board, the Zoning Administrator or the Village Attorney may institute appropriate legal action or proceedings.
- (c) **Penalties.** Any person, firm or corporation who fails to comply with the provisions of this Chapter or any order of the Zoning Administrator issued in accordance with this Chapter or resists enforcement shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a forfeiture and such additional penalties as provided for in Section 1-1-6 of this Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 13-1-176 through Sec. 13-1-179 Reserved for Future Use.

Sec 13-1-178

Ordinance No. 13-1-177

**ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD
2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD
Pierce County, WI**

The Village Board of the Village of Elmwood, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to section 62.23(2) and (3) under 60.22(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Village of Elmwood, is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan as defined in section 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 2. The village board of the Village of Elmwood, Wisconsin, 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.

Section 3. The plan committee of the Village of Elmwood, by a majority vote of the entire plan commission recorded in its official minutes, has adopted a resolution recommending to the village board the adoption of the document entitled "Village of Elmwood 2030 Comprehensive Plan," containing all of the elements specified in section 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 4. The Village of Elmwood 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.

Section 5. The village board of the Village of Elmwood, Wisconsin, does, by enactment of this ordinance, formally adopt the document entitled, "Village of Elmwood 2030 Comprehensive Plan" pursuant to section 66.1001(4)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the village board and publication or posting required by law.

Adopted this 12th day of October, 2009

Approved:

William Stewart, Village President

Attest:

Jodi Pulk, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Article M: Changes and Amendments to the Zoning Code

Sec. 13-1-180 Authority.

Whenever the public necessity, convenience, general welfare or good zoning practice requires, the Village may, by ordinance, change the district boundaries established by this Chapter and the Zoning Map incorporated herein and/or the Supplementary Floodland Zoning Map incorporated herein, or amend, change or supplement the text of the regulations established by this Chapter or amendments thereto. Such change or amendment shall be subject to the review of the Plan Commission.

Sec. 13-1-181 Initiation of Changes or Amendments.

- (a) **Initiation.** A change or amendment may be initiated by the Village Board, the Plan Commission or by a petition of one (1) or more of the owners or lessees of property within the area proposed to be changed.
- (b) **Petitions.** Petitions for any change to the District boundaries or amendments to the regulations shall be filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer and shall describe the premises to be rezoned or the regulations to be amended, list the reasons justifying the petition, specify the proposed use and have attached the following:
 - (1) A plot plan drawn to a scale of one (1) inch equals one hundred (100) feet [one (1) inch = one hundred (100) feet] showing the area proposed to be rezoned, its location, its dimensions, the location and classification of adjacent zoning districts and the location and existing use of all properties within two hundred (200) feet of the area proposed to be rezoned.
 - (2) The owners' names and addresses of all properties lying within two hundred (200) feet of the area proposed to be rezoned.
 - (3) Additional information required by the Plan Commission, Zoning Administrator or Village Board.
- (c) **Recommendations.** The Plan Commission shall hold a public hearing as provided for in Sec. 62.23(7)(d), Wis. Stats., and review all proposed changes and amendments within the corporate limits and shall recommend that the petition be granted as requested, modified or denied. The recommendation shall be made in writing to the Village Board.
- (d) **Village Board's Action.** Following such hearing, the Plan Commission shall make a recommendation on the proposed ordinance effecting the proposed change or amendment. The Village Board shall then review the recommendation and make its determination.

Sec. 13-1-182 Protest.

- (a) In the event of a protest against amendment to the zoning map, duly signed and acknowledged by the owners of twenty percent (20%) or more, either of the areas of the

land included in such proposed change, or by the owners of twenty percent (20%) or more of the land immediately adjacent extending one hundred (100) feet therefrom, or by the owners of twenty percent (20%) or more of the land directly opposite thereto extending one hundred (100) feet from the street frontage of such opposite land, such changes or amendments shall not become effective except by the favorable vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the full Village Board membership.

- (b) In the event of protest against amendment to the text of the regulations of this Chapter, duly signed and acknowledged by twenty percent (20%) of the number of persons casting ballots in the last general election, it shall cause a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full Village Board membership to adopt such amendment.

Sec. 13-1-183 through Sec. 13-1-189 Reserved for Future Use.

Sec. 13-1-190 Appeals to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

- (a) **Scope of Appeals.** Appeals to the Board of Appeals may be taken by any person aggrieved or by any officer, department, board or bureau of the Village affected by any decision of the administrative officer. Such appeal shall be taken within reasonable thirty (30) days of the alleged grievance or judgment in question by filing with the officer(s) from whom the appeal is taken and with the Board of appeals a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof, together with payment of a filing fee as may be established by the Village Board. The officer(s) from whom the appeal is taken shall forthwith transmit to the Board of Appeals all papers constituting the record of appeals upon which the action appeals from was taken.
- (b) **Stay of Proceedings.** An appeal shall stay all legal proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from, unless the officer from whom the appeal is taken certified to the Board of Appeals that, by reason of facts stated in the certificate, a stay would, in his opinion, cause immediate peril to life or property. In such cases, proceedings shall not be stayed otherwise than by a restraining order which may be granted by the Board of Appeals or by a court of record on application, on notice to the officer from whom the appeal is taken and on due cause shown.
- (c) **Powers of Zoning Board of Appeals.** In addition to these powers enumerated elsewhere in this Code of Ordinances, the Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:
 - (1) **Errors.** To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector.
 - (2) **Variances.** To hear and grant appeals for variances as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, so that the spirit and purposes of this Chapter shall be observed and the public safety, welfare and justice secured. Use variances shall not be granted.
 - (3) **Interpretations.** To hear and decide application for interpretations of the zoning regulations and the boundaries of the zoning districts after the Village Board has made an advisory review and recommendation.
 - (4) **Substitutions.** To hear and grant applications for substitution of more restrictive nonconforming uses for existing nonconforming uses provided no structural alterations are to be made and the Village Board has made a review and recommendation. Whenever the Board permits such a substitution, the use may not thereafter be changed without application.
 - (5) **Unclassified Uses.** To hear and grant applications for unclassified and unspecified uses provided that such uses are similar in character to the principal uses permitted in the district and the Village Board has made a review and recommendation.

- (6) **Temporary Uses.** To hear and grant applications for temporary uses, in any district provided that such uses are of a temporary nature, do not involve the erection of a substantial structure and are compatible with the neighboring uses and the Village Board has made a review and recommendation. The permit shall be temporary, revocable, subject to any condition required by the Board of Zoning Appeals and shall be issued for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months. Compliance with all other provisions of this Chapter shall be required.
- (7) **Permits.** The Board may reverse, affirm wholly or partly, modify the requirements appealed from and may issue or direct the issue of a permit.

Sec. 13-1-191 Hearing on Appeals.

The Board of Appeals shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing, cause a Class I notice thereof to be published in the official newspaper not less than seven (7) days prior thereto, cause notice to be given to the appellant or applicant and the administrative officer(s) appealed from by regular mail or by personal service not less than five (5) days prior to the date of hearing. In every case involving a variance, notice shall also be mailed not less than five (5) days prior to the hearing of the fee owners of records of all land within one hundred (100) feet of any part of the subject building or premises involved in the appeal.

Sec. 13-1-192 Decisions of Board of Appeals.

- (a) **Timeframe.** The Board of Appeals shall decide all appeals and applications within thirty (30) days after the public hearing and shall transmit a signed copy of the Board's decision to the appellant or applicant and the Zoning Administrator.
- (b) **Conditions.** Conditions may be placed upon any zoning permit ordered or authorized by this Board.
- (c) **Validity.** Variances, substitutions or use permits granted by the Board shall expire within six (6) months unless substantial work has commenced pursuant to such grant.

Sec. 13-1-193 Variances.

- (a) **Purpose.**
 - (1) A request for a variance may be made when an aggrieved party can submit proof that strict adherence to the provisions of this Zoning Code would cause him/her undue hardship or create conditions causing greater harmful effects than the initial condition. A variance granted to a nonconforming use brings that use into conformance with the district and zoning requirements.

- (2) The Board of Appeals may authorize upon appeal, in specific cases, such variance from the terms of the Zoning Code as will not be contrary to the public interest, where owing to special conditions a literal enforcement of the provisions of the Zoning Code will result in unnecessary hardship and so that the spirit of the Zoning Code shall be observed and substantial justice done. No variance shall have the effect of allowing in any district uses prohibited in that district, permit a lower degree of flood protection than the flood protection elevation for the particular area or permit standards lower than those required by state law.
- (3) For the purposes of this Section, "unnecessary hardship" shall be defined as an unusual or extreme decrease in the adaptability of the property to the uses permitted by the zoning district which is caused by facts, such as rough terrain or good soil conditions, uniquely applicable to the particular piece of property as distinguished from those applicable to most or all property in the same zoning district.
- (b) **Application for Variance.** The application for a variance shall be filed with the Zoning Administrator. Applications may be made by the owner or lessee of the structure, land or water to be affected. The application shall contain the following information:
 - (1) Name and address of applicant and all abutting and opposite property owners of record.
 - (2) Statement that the applicant is the owner or the authorized agent of the owner of the property.
 - (3) Address and description of the property.
 - (4) A site plan showing an accurate depiction of the property.
 - (5) Additional information required by the Village Engineer, Village Board, Zoning Board of Appeals or Zoning Administrator.
 - (6) Fee receipt in the amount as determined by the Village Board.
- (c) **Public Hearing of Application.** The Board of Appeals shall conduct at least one (1) public hearing on the proposed variance. Notice of such hearing shall be given not more than thirty (30) days and not less than ten (10) days before the hearing in one (1) or more of the newspapers in general circulation in the Village, and shall give due notice to the parties in interest, the Zoning Administrator and the Village Board. At the hearing the appellant or applicant may appear in person, by agent or by attorney. The Board of Appeals shall thereafter reach its decision within thirty (30) days after the final hearing and shall transmit a written copy of its decision to the appellant or applicant.
- (d) **Action of the Board.** For the Board of Appeals to grant a variance, it must find that:
 - (1) Denial of a variance may result in hardship to the property owner due to physiological consideration. There must be exceptional, extraordinary or unusual circumstances or conditions applying to the lot or parcel, structure, use or intended use that do not apply generally to other properties or uses in the same district and the granting of the variance would not be of so general or recurrent nature as to suggest that the Zoning Code should be changed.

- (2) The conditions upon which a petition for a variance is based are unique to the property for which a variance is being sought and that such variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights possessed by other properties in the same district and same vicinity.
 - (3) The purpose of the variance is not based exclusively upon a desire to increase the value or income potential of the property.
 - (4) The granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located.
 - (5) The proposed variance will not undermine the spirit and general and specific purposes of the Zoning Code.
- (e) **Conditions.** The Board of Appeals on appeal may impose such conditions and restrictions upon the premises benefited by a variance as may be necessary to comply with the standards established in this Section.

Sec. 13-1-194 Review by Court of Record.

Any person or persons aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Appeals may present to a court of record a petition, duly verified, setting forth that such decision is illegal and specifying the grounds of the illegality. Such petition shall be presented to the court within thirty (30) days after the filing of the decision in the offices of the Board of Appeals.

FLOODPLAIN ZONING ORDINANCE
FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD, WISCONSIN

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1.0 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION, FINDING OF FACT, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, TITLE AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization in s. 61.35 and 62.23, for villages and cities; and the requirements in s. 87.30, Stats.

1.2 FINDING OF FACT

Uncontrolled development and use of the floodplains and rivers of this municipality would impair the public health, safety, convenience, general welfare and tax base.

1.3 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This ordinance is intended to regulate floodplain development to:

- (1) Protect life, health and property;
- (2) Minimize expenditures of public funds for flood control projects;
- (3) Minimize rescue and relief efforts undertaken at the expense of the taxpayers;
- (4) Minimize business interruptions and other economic disruptions;
- (5) Minimize damage to public facilities in the floodplain;
- (6) Minimize the occurrence of future flood blight areas in the floodplain;
- (7) Discourage the victimization of unwary land and homebuyers;
- (8) Prevent increases in flood heights that could increase flood damage and result in conflicts between property owners; and
- (9) Discourage development in a floodplain if there is any practicable alternative to locate the activity, use or structure outside of the floodplain.

1.4 TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as the Floodplain Zoning Ordinance for the Village of Elmwood, Wisconsin.

1.5 GENERAL PROVISIONS

(1) AREAS TO BE REGULATED

This ordinance regulates all areas that would be covered by the regional flood or base flood as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or other maps approved by DNR. Base flood elevations are derived from the flood profiles in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and are shown as AE, A1-30, and AH Zones on the FIRM. Other regulatory zones are displayed as A and AO zones. Regional Flood Elevations (RFE) may be derived from other studies. If more than one map or revision is referenced, the most restrictive information shall apply.

(2) OFFICIAL MAPS & REVISIONS

The boundaries of all floodplain districts are designated as A, AE, AH, AO or A1-30 on the maps based on the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) listed below. Any change to the base flood elevations (BFE) or any changes to the boundaries of the floodplain or floodway in the FIS or on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) must be reviewed and approved by the DNR and FEMA through the Letter of

Map Change process (see s. 8.0 *Amendments*) before it is effective. No changes to RFE's on non-FEMA maps shall be effective until approved by the DNR. These maps and revisions are on file in the office of the Clerk, Village of Elmwood. If more than one map or revision is referenced, the most restrictive information shall apply.

(a) OFFICIAL MAPS: Based on the FIS:

1. Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), panel numbers 55093C0216E, 55093C0217E, 55093C0218E, and 55093C0219E dated 11/16/2011; with corresponding profiles that are based on the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) dated 12/30/2020 for 55093V000B;

Approved by: The DNR and FEMA

(3) ESTABLISHMENT OF FLOODPLAIN ZONING DISTRICTS

The regional floodplain areas are divided into three districts as follows:

- (a) The Floodway District (FW), is the channel of a river or stream and those portions of the floodplain adjoining the channel required to carry the regional floodwaters and are contained within AE Zones as shown on the FIRM.
- (b) The Floodfringe District (FF) is that portion between the regional flood limits and the floodway and displayed as AE Zones on the FIRM.
- (c) The General Floodplain District (GFP) is those areas that may be covered by floodwater during the regional flood and does not have a BFE or floodway boundary determined, including A, AH and AO zones on the FIRM.

(4) LOCATING FLOODPLAIN BOUNDARIES

Discrepancies between boundaries on the official floodplain zoning map and actual field conditions shall be resolved using the criteria in subd (a) or (b) below. If a significant difference exists, the map shall be amended according to s. 8.0 *Amendments*. The zoning administrator can rely on a boundary derived from a profile elevation to grant or deny a land use permit, whether or not a map amendment is required. The zoning administrator shall be responsible for documenting actual pre-development field conditions and the basis upon which the district boundary was determined and for initiating any map amendments required under this section. Disputes between the zoning administrator and an applicant over the district boundary line shall be settled according to s. 7.3(3) and the criteria in (a) and (b) below. Where the flood profiles are based on established base flood elevations from a FIRM, FEMA must approve any map amendment or revision pursuant to s. 8.0 *Amendments*.

- (a) If flood profiles exist, the map scale and the profile elevations shall determine the district boundary. The regional or base flood elevations shall govern if there are any discrepancies.
- (b) Where flood profiles do not exist for projects, the location of the boundary shall be determined by the map scale.

(5) REMOVAL OF LANDS FROM FLOODPLAIN

Compliance with the provisions of this ordinance shall not be grounds for removing land from the floodplain unless it is filled at least two feet above the

regional or base flood elevation, the fill is contiguous to land outside the floodplain, and the map is amended pursuant to s. 8.0 *Amendments*.

(6) COMPLIANCE

Any development or use within the areas regulated by this ordinance shall be in compliance with the terms of this ordinance, and other applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

(7) MUNICIPALITIES AND STATE AGENCIES REGULATED

Unless specifically exempted by law, all cities, villages, towns, and counties are required to comply with this ordinance and obtain all necessary permits. State agencies are required to comply if s. 13.48(13), Stats., applies. The construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of state highways and bridges by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is exempt when s. 30.2022, Stats., applies.

(8) ABROGATION AND GREATER RESTRICTIONS

(a) This ordinance supersedes all the provisions of any municipal zoning ordinance enacted under s. 61.35 for villages; or s. 87.30, Stats., which relate to floodplains. A more restrictive ordinance shall continue in full force and effect to the extent of the greater restrictions, but not otherwise.

(b) This ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate or impair any existing deed restrictions, covenants or easements. If this ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this ordinance shall prevail.

(9) INTERPRETATION

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this ordinance are the minimum requirements liberally construed in favor of the governing body and are not a limitation on or repeal of any other powers granted by the Wisconsin Statutes. If a provision of this ordinance, required by ch. NR 116, Wis. Adm. Code, is unclear, the provision shall be interpreted in light of the standards in effect on the date of the adoption of this ordinance or in effect on the date of the most recent text amendment to this ordinance.

(10) WARNING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The flood protection standards in this ordinance are based on engineering experience and research. Larger floods may occur, or the flood height may be increased by man-made or natural causes. This ordinance does not imply or guarantee that non-floodplain areas or permitted floodplain uses will be free from flooding and flood damages. This ordinance does not create liability on the part of, or a cause of action against, the municipality or any officer or employee thereof for any flood damage that may result from reliance on this ordinance.

(11) SEVERABILITY

Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

(12) ANNEXED AREAS FOR CITIES AND VILLAGES

The Pierce County floodplain zoning provisions in effect on the date of annexation shall remain in effect and shall be enforced by the municipality for all annexed areas until the municipality adopts and enforces an ordinance which meets the requirements of ch. NR 116, Wis. Adm. Code and 44 CFR 59-72,

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). These annexed lands are described on the municipality's official zoning map. County floodplain zoning provisions are incorporated by reference for the purpose of administering this section and are on file in the office of the municipal zoning administrator. All plats or maps of annexation shall show the regional flood elevation and the floodway location.

2.0 GENERAL STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO ALL FLOODPLAIN DISTRICTS

The community shall review all permit applications to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is in a flood-prone area, all new construction and substantial improvements shall be designed and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads; be constructed with flood-resistant materials; be constructed to minimize flood damages and to ensure that utility and mechanical equipment is designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the equipment during conditions of flooding.

Subdivisions shall be reviewed for compliance with the above standards. All subdivision proposals (including manufactured home parks) shall include regional flood elevation and floodway data for any development that meets the subdivision definition of this ordinance and all other requirements in s. 7.1(2). Adequate drainage shall be provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards and all public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damages.

2.1 HYDRAULIC AND HYDROLOGIC ANALYSES

(1) No floodplain development shall:

- (a) Obstruct flow, defined as development which blocks the conveyance of floodwaters by itself or with other development, causing any increase in the regional flood height; or
- (b) Cause any increase in the regional flood height due to floodplain storage area lost.

(2) The zoning administrator shall deny permits if it is determined the proposed development will obstruct flow or cause any increase in the regional flood height, based on the officially adopted FIRM or other adopted map, unless the provisions of s. 8.0 *Amendments* are met.

2.2 WATERCOURSE ALTERATIONS

No land use permit to alter or relocate a watercourse in a mapped floodplain shall be issued until the local official has notified in writing all adjacent municipalities, the Department and FEMA regional offices, and required the applicant to secure all necessary state and federal permits. The standards of s. 2.1 must be met and the flood carrying capacity of any altered or relocated watercourse shall be maintained.

As soon as is practicable, but not later than six months after the date of the watercourse alteration or relocation and pursuant to s. 8.0 *Amendments*, the community shall apply for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) from FEMA. Any such alterations must be reviewed and approved by FEMA and the DNR through the LOMC process.

2.3 CHAPTER 30, 31, WIS. STATS., DEVELOPMENT

Development which requires a permit from the Department, under chs. 30 and 31, Stats., such as docks, piers, wharves, bridges, culverts, dams and navigational aids,

may be allowed if the necessary permits are obtained and amendments to the floodplain zoning ordinance are made according to s. 8.0 *Amendments*.

2.4 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS

Public or private campgrounds shall have a low flood damage potential and shall meet the following provisions:

- (1) The campground is approved by the Department of Health Services;
- (2) A land use permit for the campground is issued by the zoning administrator;
- (3) The character of the river system and the campground elevation are such that a 72-hour warning of an impending flood can be given to all campground occupants;
- (4) There is an adequate flood warning procedure for the campground that offers the minimum notice required under this section to all persons in the campground. This procedure shall include a written agreement between the campground owner, the municipal emergency government coordinator and the chief law enforcement official which specifies the flood elevation at which evacuation shall occur, personnel responsible for monitoring flood elevations, types of warning systems to be used and the procedures for notifying at-risk parties, and the methods and personnel responsible for conducting the evacuation;
- (5) This agreement shall be for no more than one calendar year, at which time the agreement shall be reviewed and updated - by the officials identified in sub. (4) - to remain in compliance with all applicable regulations, including those of the state Department of Health Services and all other applicable regulations;
- (6) Only camping units that are fully licensed, if required, and ready for highway use are allowed;
- (7) The camping units shall not occupy any site in the campground for more than 180 consecutive days, at which time the camping unit must be removed from the floodplain for a minimum of 24 hours;
- (8) All camping units that remain on site for more than 30 days shall be issued a limited authorization by the campground operator, a written copy of which is kept on file at the campground. Such authorization shall allow placement of a camping unit for a period not to exceed 180 days and shall ensure compliance with all the provisions of this section;
- (9) The municipality shall monitor the limited authorizations issued by the campground operator to assure compliance with the terms of this section;
- (10) All camping units that remain in place for more than 180 consecutive days must meet the applicable requirements in either s. 3.0, 4.0 or 5.0 for the floodplain district in which the structure is located;
- (11) The campground shall have signs clearly posted at all entrances warning of the flood hazard and the procedures for evacuation when a flood warning is issued; and
- (12) All service facilities, including but not limited to refuse collection, electrical service, gas lines, propane tanks, sewage systems and wells shall be properly anchored and placed at or floodproofed to the flood protection elevation.

3.0 FLOODWAY DISTRICT (FW)

3.1 APPLICABILITY

This section applies to all floodway areas on the floodplain zoning maps and those identified pursuant to s. 5.4.

3.2 PERMITTED USES

The following open space uses are allowed in the Floodway District and the floodway areas of the General Floodplain District, if:

- they are not prohibited by any other ordinance;
 - they meet the standards in s. 3.3 and 3.4; and
 - all permits or certificates have been issued according to s. 7.1.
- (1) Agricultural uses, such as: farming, outdoor plant nurseries, horticulture, viticulture and wild crop harvesting.
 - (2) Nonstructural industrial and commercial uses, such as loading areas, parking areas and airport landing strips.
 - (3) Nonstructural recreational uses, such as golf courses, tennis courts, archery ranges, picnic grounds, boat ramps, swimming areas, parks, wildlife and nature preserves, game farms, fish hatcheries, shooting, trap and skeet activities, hunting and fishing areas and hiking and horseback riding trails, subject to the fill limitations of s. 3.3(4).
 - (4) Uses or structures accessory to open space uses or classified as historic structures that comply with s. 3.3 and 3.4.
 - (5) Extraction of sand, gravel or other materials that comply with s. 3.3(4).
 - (6) Functionally water-dependent uses, such as docks, piers or wharves, dams, flowage areas, culverts, navigational aids and river crossings of transmission lines, and pipelines that comply with chs. 30 and 31, Stats.
 - (7) Public utilities, streets and bridges that comply with s. 3.3(3).

3.3 STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FLOODWAY

(1) GENERAL

- (a) Any development in the floodway shall comply with s. 2.0 and have a low flood damage potential.
- (b) Applicants shall provide the following data to determine the effects of the proposal according to s. 2.1 and 7.1(2)(c):
 1. A cross-section elevation view of the proposal, perpendicular to the watercourse, showing if the proposed development will obstruct flow; or
 2. An analysis calculating the effects of this proposal on regional flood height.
- (c) The zoning administrator shall deny the permit application if the project will cause any increase in the flood elevations upstream or downstream, based on the data submitted for subd. (b) above.

(2) STRUCTURES

Structures accessory to permanent open space uses, including utility and sanitary facilities, or functionally dependent on a waterfront location may be allowed by permit if the structures comply with the following criteria:

- (a) Not designed for human habitation, does not have a high flood damage potential and is constructed to minimize flood damage;
- (b) Shall either have the lowest floor elevated to or above the flood protection elevation shall meet all the following standards:
 - 1. Be dry floodproofed so that the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and completely dry to the flood protection elevation without human intervention during flooding;
 - 2. Have structural components capable of meeting all provisions of Section 3.3(2)(g) and;
 - 3. Be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect, through the use of a Federal Emergency Management Agency Floodproofing Certificate, that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with Section 3.3(2)(g).
- (c) Must be anchored to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement;
- (d) Mechanical and utility equipment must be elevated to or above the flood protection elevation; and
- (e) Must not obstruct flow of flood waters or cause any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the regional flood.
- (f) For a structure designed to allow the automatic entry of floodwaters below the Regional Flood Elevation, the applicant shall submit a plan that meets or exceeds the following standards:
 - 1. The lowest floor must be elevated to or above the flood protection elevation
 - 2. a minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding;
 - 3. the bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above the lowest adjacent grade; openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters, otherwise must remain open.
- (g) Certification: Whenever floodproofing measures are required, a registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the following floodproofing measures will be utilized, where appropriate, and are adequate to withstand the

flood depths, pressures, velocities, impact and uplift forces and other factors associated with the regional flood:

1. Reinforcement of floors and walls to resist rupture, collapse, or lateral movement caused by water pressures or debris buildup;
2. Construction of wells, water supply systems and waste treatment systems so as to prevent the entrance of flood waters in such systems and must be in accordance with provisions in Sections 3.4(4) and 3.4(5).
3. Subsurface drainage systems to relieve external pressures on foundation walls and basement floors;
4. Cutoff valves on sewer lines or the elimination of gravity flow basement drains; and
5. Placement of utilities above the flood protection elevation.

(3) PUBLIC UTILITIES, STREETS AND BRIDGES

Public utilities, streets and bridges may be allowed by permit, if:

- (a) Adequate floodproofing measures are provided to the flood protection elevation; and
- (b) Construction meets the development standards of s. 2.1.

(4) FILLS OR DEPOSITION OF MATERIALS

Fills or deposition of materials may be allowed by permit, if:

- (a) The requirements of s. 2.1 are met;
- (b) No material is deposited in navigable waters unless a permit is issued by the Department pursuant to ch. 30, Stats., and a permit pursuant to s. 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1344 has been issued, if applicable, and all other requirements have been met;
- (c) The fill or other materials will be protected against erosion by riprap, vegetative cover, sheet piling or bulkheading; and
- (d) The fill is not classified as a solid or hazardous material.

3.4 PROHIBITED USES

All uses not listed as permitted uses in s. 3.2 are prohibited, including the following uses:

- (1) Habitable structures, structures with high flood damage potential, or those not associated with permanent open-space uses;
- (2) Storing materials that are buoyant, flammable, explosive, injurious to property, water quality, or human, animal, plant, fish or other aquatic life;

- (3) Uses not in harmony with or detrimental to uses permitted in the adjoining districts;
- (4) Any private or public sewage systems, except portable latrines that are removed prior to flooding and systems associated with recreational areas and Department-approved campgrounds that meet the applicable provisions of local ordinances and ch. SPS 383, Wis. Adm. Code;
- (5) Any public or private wells which are used to obtain potable water, except those for recreational areas that meet the requirements of local ordinances and chs. NR 811 and NR 812, Wis. Adm. Code;
- (6) Any solid or hazardous waste disposal sites;
- (7) Any wastewater treatment ponds or facilities, except those permitted under s. NR 110.15(3)(b), Wis. Adm. Code; and
- (8) Any sanitary sewer or water supply lines, except those to service existing or proposed development located outside the floodway which complies with the regulations for the floodplain area occupied.

4.0 FLOODFRINGE DISTRICT (FF)

4.1 APPLICABILITY

This section applies to all floodfringe areas shown on the floodplain zoning maps and those identified pursuant to s. 5.4.

4.2 PERMITTED USES

Any structure, land use, or development is allowed in the Floodfringe District if the standards in s. 4.3 are met, the use is not prohibited by this or any other ordinance or regulation and all permits or certificates specified in s. 7.1 have been issued.

4.3 STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE FLOODFRINGE

S. 2.1 shall apply in addition to the following requirements according to the use requested. Any existing structure in the floodfringe must meet the requirements of s. 6.0 *Nonconforming Uses*;

(1) RESIDENTIAL USES

Any structure, including a manufactured home, which is to be newly constructed or moved into the floodfringe, shall meet or exceed the following standards. Any existing structure in the floodfringe must meet the requirements of s. 6.0 *Nonconforming Uses*;

- (a) The elevation of the lowest floor shall be at or above the flood protection elevation on fill unless the requirements of s 4.3 (1)(b) can be met. The fill shall be one foot or more above the regional flood elevation extending at least 15 feet beyond the limits of the structure.
- (b) The basement or crawlway floor may be placed at the regional flood elevation if it is dry floodproofed to the flood protection elevation. No basement or crawlway floor is allowed below the regional flood elevation;
- (c) Contiguous dryland access shall be provided from a structure to land outside of the floodplain, except as provided in subd. (d).

(d) In developments where existing street or sewer line elevations make compliance with subd. (c) impractical, the municipality may permit new development and substantial improvements where roads are below the regional flood elevation, if:

1. The municipality has written assurance from police, fire and emergency services that rescue, and relief will be provided to the structure(s) by wheeled vehicles during a regional flood event; or
2. The municipality has a DNR-approved emergency evacuation plan.

(2) ACCESSORY STRUCTURES OR USES

Accessory structures shall be constructed on fill with the lowest floor at or above the regional flood elevation.

(3) COMMERCIAL USES

Any commercial structure which is erected, altered or moved into the floodfringe shall meet the requirements of s. 4.3(1). Subject to the requirements of s. 4.3(5), storage yards, surface parking lots and other such uses may be placed at lower elevations if an adequate warning system exists to protect life and property.

(4) MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL USES

Any manufacturing or industrial structure which is erected, altered or moved into the floodfringe shall have the lowest floor elevated to or above the flood protection elevation or meet the floodproofing standards in s 7.5. Subject to the requirements of s. 4.3(5), storage yards, surface parking lots and other such uses may be placed at lower elevations if an adequate warning system exists to protect life and property.

(5) STORAGE OF MATERIALS

Materials that are buoyant, flammable, explosive, or injurious to property, water quality or human, animal, plant, fish or aquatic life shall be stored at or above the flood protection elevation or floodproofed in compliance with s. 7.5. Adequate measures shall be taken to ensure that such materials will not enter the water body during flooding.

(6) PUBLIC UTILITIES, STREETS AND BRIDGES

All utilities, streets and bridges shall be designed to be compatible with comprehensive floodplain development plans; and

- (a) When failure of public utilities, streets and bridges would endanger public health or safety, or where such facilities are deemed essential, construction or repair of such facilities shall only be permitted if they are designed to comply with s. 7.5.
- (b) Minor roads or non-essential utilities may be constructed at lower elevations if they are designed to withstand flood forces to the regional flood elevation.

(7) SEWAGE SYSTEMS

All sewage disposal systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood water into the system, pursuant to s. 7.5(3), to the flood protection elevation and meet the provisions of all local ordinances and ch. SPS 383, Wis. Adm. Code.

(8) WELLS

All wells shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system, pursuant to s. 7.5(3), to the flood protection elevation and shall meet the provisions of chs. NR 811 and NR 812, Wis. Adm. Code.

(9) SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

Disposal of solid or hazardous waste is prohibited in floodfringe areas.

(10) DEPOSITION OF MATERIALS

Any deposited material must meet all the provisions of this ordinance.

(11) MANUFACTURED HOMES

- (a) Owners or operators of all manufactured home parks and subdivisions shall provide adequate surface drainage to minimize flood damage, and prepare, secure approval and file an evacuation plan, indicating vehicular access and escape routes, with local emergency management authorities.
- (b) In existing manufactured home parks, all new homes, replacement homes on existing pads, and substantially improved homes shall:
 - 1. have the lowest floor elevated to the flood protection elevation; and
 - 2. be anchored so they do not float, collapse or move laterally during a flood
- (c) Outside of existing manufactured home parks, including new manufactured home parks and all single units outside of existing parks, all new, replacement and substantially improved manufactured homes shall meet the residential development standards for the floodfringe in s. 4.3(1).

(12) MOBILE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

All mobile recreational vehicles that are on site for 180 consecutive days or more or are not fully licensed and ready for highway use shall meet the elevation and anchoring requirements in s. 4.3 (11)(b) and (c). A mobile recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick-disconnect utilities and security devices and has no permanently attached additions.

5.0 GENERAL FLOODPLAIN DISTRICT (GFP)

5. APPLICABILITY

The provisions for this district shall apply to all floodplains mapped as A, AO or AH zones.

5.2 PERMITTED USES

Pursuant to s. 5.4, it shall be determined whether the proposed use is located within the floodway or floodfringe.

Those uses permitted in the Floodway (s. 3.2) and Floodfringe (s. 4.2) Districts are allowed within the General Floodplain District, according to the standards of s. 5.3, provided that all permits or certificates required under s. 7.1 have been issued.

5.3 STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE GENERAL FLOODPLAIN DISTRICT

S. 3.0 applies to floodway areas, s. 4.0 applies to floodfringe areas. The rest of this ordinance applies to either district.

- (1) In AO/AH Zones the structure's lowest floor must meet one of the conditions listed below whichever is higher:
 - (a) at or above the flood protection elevation; or

- (b) two (2) feet above the highest adjacent grade around the structure; or
 - (c) the depth as shown on the FIRM
- (2) In AO/AH zones, provide plans showing adequate drainage paths to guide floodwaters around structures.

5.4 DETERMINING FLOODWAY AND FLOODFRINGE LIMITS

Upon receiving an application for development within the general floodplain district, the zoning administrator shall:

- (1) Require the applicant to submit two copies of an aerial photograph or a plan which shows the proposed development with respect to the general floodplain district limits, stream channel, and existing floodplain developments, along with a legal description of the property, fill limits and elevations, building floor elevations and flood proofing measures; and the flood zone as shown on the FIRM.
- (2) Require the applicant to furnish any of the following information deemed necessary by the Department to evaluate the effects of the proposal upon flood height and flood flows, regional flood elevation and to determine floodway boundaries.
 - (a) A Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study as specified in s. 7.1(2)(c).
 - (b) Plan (surface view) showing elevations or contours of the ground; pertinent structure, fill or storage elevations; size, location and layout of all proposed and existing structures on the site; location and elevations of streets, water supply, and sanitary facilities; soil types and other pertinent information;
 - (c) Specifications for building construction and materials, floodproofing, filling, dredging, channel improvement, storage, water supply and sanitary facilities.

6.0 NONCONFORMING USES

6.1 GENERAL

(1) APPLICABILITY

If these standards conform with s.87.30, Stats. and ch NR 116.15, Wis. Adm. Code and 44 CFR 59-72, they shall apply to all modifications or additions to any nonconforming use or structure and to the use of any structure or premises which was lawful before the passage of this ordinance or any amendment thereto.

- (2) The existing lawful use of a structure or its accessory use which is not in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance may continue subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) No modifications or additions to a nonconforming use or structure shall be permitted unless they comply with this ordinance. The words "modification" and "addition" include, but are not limited to, any alteration, addition, modification, structural repair, rebuilding or replacement of any such existing use, structure or accessory structure or use. Maintenance is not considered a modification; this includes painting, decorating, paneling and other nonstructural components and the maintenance, repair or replacement of existing private sewage or water supply systems or connections to public utilities. Any costs associated with the repair of a damaged structure are not considered maintenance.

The construction of a deck that does not exceed 200 square feet and that is adjacent to the exterior wall of a principal structure is not an extension, modification or addition. The roof of the structure may extend over a portion of the deck in order to provide safe ingress and egress to the principal structure.

- (b) If a nonconforming use or the use of a nonconforming structure is discontinued for 12 consecutive months, it is no longer permitted and any future use of the property, and any structure or building thereon, shall conform to the applicable requirements of this ordinance;
- (c) The municipality shall keep a record which lists all nonconforming uses and nonconforming structures, their present equalized assessed value, the cost of all modifications or additions which have been permitted, and the percentage of the structure's total current value those modifications represent;
- (d) No modification or addition to any nonconforming structure or any structure with a nonconforming use, which over the life of the structure would equal or exceed 50% of its present equalized assessed value, shall be allowed unless the entire structure is permanently changed to a conforming structure with a conforming use in compliance with the applicable requirements of this ordinance. Contiguous dry land access must be provided for residential and commercial uses in compliance with s. 4.3(1). The costs of elevating the lowest floor of a nonconforming building or a building with a nonconforming use to the flood protection elevation are excluded from the 50% provisions of this paragraph;
- (e) No maintenance to any nonconforming structure or any structure with a nonconforming use, the cost of which would equal or exceed 50% of its present equalized assessed value, shall be allowed unless the entire structure is permanently changed to a conforming structure with a conforming use in compliance with the applicable requirements of this ordinance. Contiguous dry land access must be provided for residential and commercial uses in compliance with s. 4.3(1).
- (f) If on a per event basis the total value of the work being done under (d) and (e) equals or exceeds 50% of the present equalized assessed value the work shall not be permitted unless the entire structure is permanently changed to a conforming structure with a conforming use in compliance with the applicable requirements of this ordinance. Contiguous dry land access must be provided for residential and commercial uses in compliance with s. 4.3(1).
- (g) Except as provided in subd. (h), if any nonconforming structure or any structure with a nonconforming use is destroyed or is substantially damaged, it cannot be replaced, reconstructed or rebuilt unless the use and the structure meet the current ordinance requirements. A structure is considered substantially damaged if the total cost to restore the structure to its pre-damaged condition equals or exceeds 50% of the structure's present equalized assessed value.
- (h) For nonconforming buildings that are substantially damaged or destroyed by a nonflood disaster, the repair or reconstruction of any such nonconforming building shall be permitted in order to restore it to the size and use in effect prior to the damage event, provided that the minimum federal code requirements below are met and all required permits have been granted prior to the start of construction.

1. Residential Structures

- a. Shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above the base flood elevation using fill, pilings, columns, posts or perimeter walls. Perimeter walls must meet the requirements of s. 7.5(2).
- b. Shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy and shall be constructed with methods and materials resistant to flood damage.
- c. Shall be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or elevated so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.
- d. In A Zones, obtain, review and utilize any flood data available from a federal, state or other source.
- e. In AO Zones with no elevations specified, shall have the lowest floor, including basement, meet the standards in s. 5.3(1).
- f. in AO Zones, shall have adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes to guide floodwaters around and away from the structure.

2. Nonresidential Structures

- a. Shall meet the requirements of s. 6.1(2)(h)1a-f.
 - b. Shall either have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above the regional flood elevation; or, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall meet the standards in s. 7.5(1) or (2).
 - c. In AO Zones with no elevations specified, shall have the lowest floor, including basement, meet the standards in s. 5.3(1).
- (3) A nonconforming historic structure may be altered if the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure, the alteration will comply with s. 3.3(1), flood resistant materials are used, and construction practices and floodproofing methods that comply with s. 7.5 are used. Repair or rehabilitation of historic structures shall be exempt from the development standards of s. 6.1(2)(h)1 if it is determined that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure.

6.2 FLOODWAY DISTRICT

- (1) No modification or addition shall be allowed to any nonconforming structure or any structure with a nonconforming use in the Floodway District, unless such modification or addition:
- (a) Has been granted a permit or variance which meets all ordinance requirements;
 - (b) Meets the requirements of s. 6.1;
 - (c) Shall not increase the obstruction to flood flows or regional flood height;

- (d) Any addition to the existing structure shall be floodproofed, pursuant to s. 7.5, by means other than the use of fill, to the flood protection elevation; and
- (e) If any part of the foundation below the flood protection elevation is enclosed, the following standards shall apply:
 - 1. The enclosed area shall be designed by a registered architect or engineer to allow for the efficient entry and exit of flood waters without human intervention. A minimum of two openings must be provided with a minimum net area of at least one square inch for every one square foot of the enclosed area. The lowest part of the opening can be no more than 12 inches above the adjacent grade;
 - 2. The parts of the foundation located below the flood protection elevation must be constructed of flood-resistant materials;
 - 3. Mechanical and utility equipment must be elevated or floodproofed to or above the flood protection elevation; and
 - 4. The use must be limited to parking, building access or limited storage.
- (2) No new on-site sewage disposal system, or addition to an existing on-site sewage disposal system, except where an addition has been ordered by a government agency to correct a hazard to public health, shall be allowed in the Floodway District. Any replacement, repair or maintenance of an existing on-site sewage disposal system in a floodway area shall meet the applicable requirements of all municipal ordinances, s. 7.5(3) and ch. SPS 383, Wis. Adm. Code.
- (3) No new well or modification to an existing well used to obtain potable water shall be allowed in the Floodway District. Any replacement, repair or maintenance of an existing well in the Floodway District shall meet the applicable requirements of all municipal ordinances, s. 7.5(3) and chs. NR 811 and NR 812, Wis. Adm. Code.

6.3 FLOODFRINGE DISTRICT

- (1) No modification or addition shall be allowed to any nonconforming structure or any structure with a nonconforming use unless such modification or addition has been granted a permit or variance by the municipality and meets the requirements of s. 4.3 except where s. 6.3(2) is applicable.
- (2) Where compliance with the provisions of subd. (1) would result in unnecessary hardship and only where the structure will not be used for human habitation or be associated with a high flood damage potential, the Board of Adjustment/Appeals, using the procedures established in s. 7.3, may grant a variance from those provisions of subd. (1) for modifications or additions using the criteria listed below. Modifications or additions which are protected to elevations lower than the flood protection elevation may be permitted if:
 - (a) No floor is allowed below the regional flood elevation for residential or commercial structures;
 - (b) Human lives are not endangered;
 - (c) Public facilities, such as water or sewer, shall not be installed;

- (d) Flood depths shall not exceed two feet;
 - (e) Flood velocities shall not exceed two feet per second; and
 - (f) The structure shall not be used for storage of materials as described in s. 4.3(5).
- (3) All new private sewage disposal systems, or addition to, replacement, repair or maintenance of a private sewage disposal system shall meet all the applicable provisions of all local ordinances, s. 7.5(3) and ch. SPS 383, Wis. Adm. Code.
 - (4) All new wells, or addition to, replacement, repair or maintenance of a well shall meet the applicable provisions of this ordinance, s. 7.5(3) and ch. NR 811 and NR 812, Wis. Adm. Code.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION

Where a zoning administrator, planning agency or a board of adjustment/appeals has already been appointed to administer a zoning ordinance adopted under ss. 59.69, 59.692 or 62.23(7), Stats., these officials shall also administer this ordinance.

7.1 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

(1) DUTIES AND POWERS

The zoning administrator is authorized to administer this ordinance and shall have the following duties and powers:

- (a) Advise applicants of the ordinance provisions, assist in preparing permit applications and appeals, and assure that the regional flood elevation for the proposed development is shown on all permit applications.
- (b) Issue permits and inspect properties for compliance with provisions of this ordinance and issue certificates of compliance where appropriate.
- (c) Inspect and assess all damaged floodplain structures to determine if substantial damage to the structures has occurred.
- (d) Keep records of all official actions such as:
 - 1. All permits issued, inspections made, and work approved;
 - 2. Documentation of certified lowest floor and regional flood elevations;
 - 3. Floodproofing certificates.
 - 4. Water surface profiles, floodplain zoning maps and ordinances, nonconforming uses and structures including changes, appeals, variances and amendments.
 - 5. All substantial damage assessment reports for floodplain structures.
 - 6. List of nonconforming structures and uses.
- (e) Submit copies of the following items to the Department Regional office:
 - 1. Within 10 days of the decision, a copy of any decisions on variances, appeals for map or text interpretations, and map or text amendments;
 - 2. Copies of case-by-case analyses and other required information including an annual summary of floodplain zoning actions taken.
 - 3. Copies of substantial damage assessments performed and all related

correspondence concerning the assessments.

(f) Investigate, prepare reports, and report violations of this ordinance to the municipal zoning agency and attorney for prosecution. Copies of the reports shall also be sent to the Department Regional office.

(g) Submit copies of amendments to the FEMA Regional office.

(2) LAND USE PERMIT

A land use permit shall be obtained before any new development; repair, modification or addition to an existing structure; or change in the use of a building or structure, including sewer and water facilities, may be initiated. Application to the zoning administrator shall include:

(a) GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name and address of the applicant, property owner and contractor;
2. Legal description, proposed use, and whether it is new construction or a modification;

(b) SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A site plan drawn to scale shall be submitted with the permit application form and shall contain:

1. Location, dimensions, area and elevation of the lot;
2. Location of the ordinary highwater mark of any abutting navigable waterways;
3. Location of any structures with distances measured from the lot lines and street center lines;
4. Location of any existing or proposed on-site sewage systems or private water supply systems;
5. Location and elevation of existing or future access roads;
6. Location of floodplain and floodway limits as determined from the official floodplain zoning maps;
7. The elevation of the lowest floor of proposed buildings and any fill using the vertical datum from the adopted study – either National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) or North American Vertical Datum (NAVD);
8. Data sufficient to determine the regional flood elevation in NGVD or NAVD at the location of the development and to determine whether or not the requirements of s. 3.0 or 4.0 are met; and
9. Data to determine if the proposed development will cause an obstruction to flow or an increase in regional flood height or discharge according to s. 2.1. This may include any of the information noted in s. 3.3(1).

(c) HYDRAULIC AND HYDROLOGIC STUDIES TO ANALYZE DEVELOPMENT

All hydraulic and hydrologic studies shall be completed under the direct supervision of a professional engineer registered in the State. The study contractor shall be responsible for the technical adequacy of the study. All studies shall be reviewed and approved by the Department.

1. Zone A floodplains:

a. Hydrology

- i. The appropriate method shall be based on the standards in ch. NR 116.07(3), Wis. Admin. Code, *Hydrologic Analysis: Determination of Regional Flood Discharge*.

b. Hydraulic modeling

The regional flood elevation shall be based on the standards in ch. NR 116.07(4), Wis. Admin. Code, *Hydraulic Analysis: Determination of Regional Flood Elevation* and the following:

- i. determination of the required limits of the hydraulic model shall be based on detailed study information for downstream structures (dam, bridge, culvert) to determine adequate starting WSEL for the study.
- ii. channel sections must be surveyed.
- iii. minimum four-foot contour data in the overbanks shall be used for the development of cross section overbank and floodplain mapping.
- iv. a maximum distance of 500 feet between cross sections is allowed in developed areas with additional intermediate cross sections required at transitions in channel bottom slope including a survey of the channel at each location.
- v. the most current version of HEC_RAS shall be used.
- vi. a survey of bridge and culvert openings and the top of road is required at each structure.
- vii. additional cross sections are required at the downstream and upstream limits of the proposed development and any necessary intermediate locations based on the length of the reach if greater than 500 feet.
- viii. standard accepted engineering practices shall be used when assigning parameters for the base model such as flow, Manning's N values, expansion and contraction coefficients or effective flow limits. The base model shall be calibrated to past flooding data such as high-water marks to determine the reasonableness of the model results. If no historical data is available, adequate justification shall be provided for any parameters outside standard accepted engineering practices.
- ix. the model must extend past the upstream limit of the difference in the existing and proposed flood profiles in order to provide a tie-in to existing studies. The height difference between the proposed flood profile and the existing study profiles shall be no more than 0.00 feet.

c. Mapping

A work map of the reach studied shall be provided, showing all cross-section locations, floodway/floodplain limits based on best available topographic data, geographic limits of the proposed development and whether the proposed development is located in the floodway.

- i. If the proposed development is located outside of the floodway, then it is determined to have no impact on the regional flood elevation.
- ii. If any part of the proposed development is in the floodway, it must be added to the base model to show the difference between existing and proposed conditions. The study must ensure that all coefficients remain the same as in the existing model, unless adequate justification based on standard accepted engineering practices is provided.

2. Zone AE Floodplains

a. Hydrology

If the proposed hydrology will change the existing study, the appropriate method to be used shall be based on ch. NR 116.07(3), Wis. Admin. Code, *Hydrologic Analysis: Determination of Regional Flood Discharge*.

b. Hydraulic model

The regional flood elevation shall be based on the standards in ch. NR 116.07(4), Wis. Admin. Code, *Hydraulic Analysis: Determination of Regional Flood Elevation* and the following:

i. Duplicate Effective Model

The effective model shall be reproduced to ensure correct transference of the model data and to allow integration of the revised data to provide a continuous FIS model upstream and downstream of the revised reach. If data from the effective model is available, models shall be generated that duplicate the FIS profiles and the elevations shown in the Floodway Data Table in the FIS report to within 0.1 foot.

ii. Corrected Effective Model.

The Corrected Effective Model shall not include any man-made physical changes since the effective model date but shall import the model into the most current version of HEC-RAS for Department review.

iii. Existing (Pre-Project Conditions) Model.

The Existing Model shall be required to support conclusions about the actual impacts of the project associated with the Revised (Post-Project) Model or to establish more up-to-date models on which to base the Revised (Post-Project) Model.

iv. Revised (Post-Project Conditions) Model.

The Revised (Post-Project Conditions) Model shall incorporate the Existing Model and any proposed changes to the topography caused by the proposed development. This model shall reflect proposed conditions.

v. All changes to the Duplicate Effective Model and subsequent models must be supported by certified topographic information, bridge plans, construction plans and survey notes.

vi. Changes to the hydraulic models shall be limited to the stream reach for

which the revision is being requested. Cross sections upstream and downstream of the revised reach shall be identical to those in the effective model and result in water surface elevations and topwidths computed by the revised models matching those in the effective models upstream and downstream of the revised reach as required. The Effective Model shall not be truncated.

c. Mapping

Maps and associated engineering data shall be submitted to the Department for review which meet the following conditions:

- i. Consistency between the revised hydraulic models, the revised floodplain and floodway delineations, the revised flood profiles, topographic work map, annotated FIRMs and/or Flood Boundary Floodway Maps (FBFMs), construction plans, bridge plans.
- ii. Certified topographic map of suitable scale, contour interval, and a planimetric map showing the applicable items. If a digital version of the map is available, it may be submitted in order that the FIRM may be more easily revised.
- iii. Annotated FIRM panel showing the revised 1% and 0.2% annual chance floodplains and floodway boundaries.
- iv. If an annotated FIRM and/or FBFM and digital mapping data (GIS or CADD) are used then all supporting documentation or metadata must be included with the data submission along with the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection and State Plane Coordinate System in accordance with FEMA mapping specifications.
- v. The revised floodplain boundaries shall tie into the effective floodplain boundaries.
- vi. All cross sections from the effective model shall be labeled in accordance with the effective map and a cross section lookup table shall be included to relate to the model input numbering scheme.
- vii. Both the current and proposed floodways shall be shown on the map.
- viii. The stream centerline, or profile baseline used to measure stream distances in the model shall be visible on the map.

(d) EXPIRATION

All permits issued under the authority of this ordinance shall expire no more than 180 days after issuance. The permit may be extended for a maximum of 180 days for good and sufficient cause.

(3) CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

No land shall be occupied or used, and no building which is hereafter constructed, altered, added to, modified, repaired, rebuilt or replaced shall be occupied until a certificate of compliance is issued by the zoning administrator, except where no permit is required, subject to the following provisions:

- (a) The certificate of compliance shall show that the building or premises or part thereof, and the proposed use, conform to the provisions of this ordinance;
- (b) Application for such certificate shall be concurrent with the application for a permit;
- (c) If all ordinance provisions are met, the certificate of compliance shall be issued within 10 days after written notification that the permitted work is completed;
- (d) The applicant shall submit a certification signed by a registered professional engineer, architect or land surveyor that the fill, lowest floor and floodproofing elevations are in compliance with the permit issued. Floodproofing measures also require certification by a registered professional engineer or architect that the requirements of s. 7.5 are met.

(4) OTHER PERMITS

Prior to obtaining a floodplain development permit the applicant must secure all necessary permits from federal, state, and local agencies, including but not limited to those required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under s. 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1344.

7.2 ZONING AGENCY

(1) The Zoning Board of Appeals shall:

- (a) oversee the functions of the office of the zoning administrator; and
- (b) review and advise the governing body on all proposed amendments to this ordinance, maps and text.

(2) The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not:

- (a) grant variances to the terms of the ordinance in place of action by the Board of Adjustment/Appeals; or
- (b) amend the text or zoning maps in place of official action by the governing body.

7.3 BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS

The Board of Zoning and Appeals, created under s. 62.23(7)(e), Stats., for cities or villages, is hereby authorized or shall be appointed to act for the purposes of this ordinance. The Board shall exercise the powers conferred by Wisconsin Statutes and adopt rules for the conduct of business. The zoning administrator shall not be the secretary of the Board.

(1) POWERS AND DUTIES

The Board of Zoning and Appeals shall:

- (a) Appeals - Hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement or administration of this ordinance;
- (b) Boundary Disputes - Hear and decide disputes concerning the district boundaries shown on the official floodplain zoning map; and
- (c) Variances - Hear and decide, upon appeal, variances from the ordinance standards.

(2) APPEALS TO THE BOARD

(a) Appeals to the board may be taken by any person aggrieved, or by any officer or department of the municipality affected by any decision of the zoning administrator or other administrative officer. Such appeal shall be taken within 30 days unless otherwise provided by the rules of the board, by filing with the official whose decision is in question, and with the board, a notice of appeal specifying the reasons for the appeal. The official whose decision is in question shall transmit to the board all records regarding the matter appealed.

(b) NOTICE AND HEARING FOR APPEALS INCLUDING VARIANCES

1. Notice - The board shall:

- a. Fix a reasonable time for the hearing;
- b. Publish adequate notice pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, specifying the date, time, place and subject of the hearing; and
- c. Assure that notice shall be mailed to the parties in interest and the Department Regional office at least 10 days in advance of the hearing.

2. Hearing - Any party may appear in person or by agent. The board shall:

- a. Resolve boundary disputes according to s. 7.3(3);
- b. Decide variance applications according to s. 7.3(4); and
- c. Decide appeals of permit denials according to s. 7.4.

(c) DECISION: The final decision regarding the appeal or variance application shall:

1. Be made within a reasonable time;
2. Be sent to the Department Regional office within 10 days of the decision;
3. Be a written determination signed by the chairman or secretary of the Board;
4. State the specific facts which are the basis for the Board's decision;
5. Either affirm, reverse, vary or modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed, in whole or in part, dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction or grant or deny the variance application; and
6. Include the reasons for granting an appeal, describing the hardship demonstrated by the applicant in the case of a variance, clearly stated in the recorded minutes of the Board proceedings.

(3) BOUNDARY DISPUTES

The following procedure shall be used by the Board in hearing disputes concerning floodplain district boundaries:

- (a) If a floodplain district boundary is established by approximate or detailed floodplain studies, the flood elevations or profiles shall prevail in locating the boundary. If none exist, other evidence may be examined;
- (b) The person contesting the boundary location shall be given a reasonable opportunity to present arguments and technical evidence to the Board; and

- (c) If the boundary is incorrectly mapped, the Board should inform the zoning committee or the person contesting the boundary location to petition the governing body for a map amendment according to s. 8.0 *Amendments*.

(4) VARIANCE

- (a) The Board may, upon appeal, grant a variance from the standards of this ordinance if an applicant convincingly demonstrates that:

1. Literal enforcement of the ordinance will cause unnecessary hardship;
2. The hardship is due to adoption of the floodplain ordinance and unique property conditions, not common to adjacent lots or premises. In such case the ordinance or map must be amended;
3. The variance is not contrary to the public interest; and
4. The variance is consistent with the purpose of this ordinance in s. 1.3.

- (b) In addition to the criteria in subd. (a), to qualify for a variance under FEMA regulations, the following criteria must be met:

1. The variance shall not cause any increase in the regional flood elevation;
2. Variances can only be granted for lots that are less than one-half acre and are contiguous to existing structures constructed below the RFE; and
3. Variances shall only be granted upon a showing of good and sufficient cause, shall be the minimum relief necessary, shall not cause increased risks to public safety or nuisances, shall not increase costs for rescue and relief efforts and shall not be contrary to the purpose of the ordinance.

- (c) A variance shall not:

1. Grant, extend or increase any use prohibited in the zoning district;
2. Be granted for a hardship based solely on an economic gain or loss;
3. Be granted for a hardship which is self-created.
4. Damage the rights or property values of other persons in the area;
5. Allow actions without the amendments to this ordinance or map(s) required in s. 8.0 *Amendments*; and
6. Allow any alteration of an historic structure, including its use, which would preclude its continued designation as an historic structure.

- (d) When a floodplain variance is granted the Board shall notify the applicant in writing that it may increase risks to life and property and flood insurance premiums could increase up to \$25.00 per \$100.00 of coverage. A copy shall be maintained with the variance record.

7.4 TO REVIEW APPEALS OF PERMIT DENIALS

- (1) The Zoning Agency (s. 7.2) or Board shall review all data related to the appeal. This may include:
 - (a) Permit application data listed in s. 7.1(2);
 - (b) Floodway/floodfringe determination data in s. 5.4;
 - (c) Data listed in s. 3.3(1)(b) where the applicant has not submitted this information to the zoning administrator; and
 - (d) Other data submitted with the application or submitted to the Board with the appeal.
- (2) For appeals of all denied permits the Board shall:
 - (a) Follow the procedures of s. 7.3;
 - (b) Consider zoning agency recommendations; and
 - (c) Either uphold the denial or grant the appeal.
- (3) For appeals concerning increases in regional flood elevation the Board shall:
 - (a) Uphold the denial where the Board agrees with the data showing an increase in flood elevation. Increases may only be allowed after amending the flood profile and map and all appropriate legal arrangements are made with all adversely affected property owners as per the requirements of s. 8.0 *Amendments*; and
 - (b) Grant the appeal where the Board agrees that the data properly demonstrates that the project does not cause an increase provided no other reasons for denial exist.

7.5 FLOODPROOFING STANDARDS FOR NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES OR USES

- (1) No permit or variance shall be issued for a non-residential structure designed to be watertight below the regional flood elevation until the applicant submits a plan certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the floodproofing measures will protect the structure or development to the flood protection elevation and submits a FEMA Floodproofing Certificate.
- (2) For a structure designed to allow the entry of floodwaters, no permit or variance shall be issued until the applicant submits a plan either:
 - (a) certified by a registered professional engineer or architect; or
 - (b) meets or exceeds the following standards:
 4. a minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding;
 5. the bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade; and
 6. openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.
- (3) Floodproofing measures shall be designed, as appropriate, to:

- (a) Withstand flood pressures, depths, velocities, uplift and impact forces and other regional flood factors;
- (b) Protect structures to the flood protection elevation;
- (c) Anchor structures to foundations to resist flotation and lateral movement;
- (d) Minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters; and
- (e) Minimize or eliminate discharges into flood waters.

7.6 PUBLIC INFORMATION

- (1) Place marks on structures to show the depth of inundation during the regional flood.
- (2) All maps, engineering data and regulations shall be available and widely distributed.
- (3) Real estate transfers should show what floodplain district any real property is in.

8.0 AMENDMENTS

Obstructions or increases may only be permitted if amendments are made to this ordinance, the official floodplain zoning maps, floodway lines and water surface profiles, in accordance with s. 8.1.

- (1) In AE Zones with a mapped floodway, no obstructions or increases shall be permitted unless the applicant receives a Conditional Letter of Map Revision from FEMA and amendments are made to this ordinance, the official floodplain zoning maps, floodway lines and water surface profiles, in accordance with s. 8.1. Any such alterations must be reviewed and approved by FEMA and the DNR.
- (2) In A Zones increases equal to or greater than 1.0 foot may only be permitted if the applicant receives a Conditional Letter of Map Revision from FEMA and amendments are made to this ordinance, the official floodplain maps, floodway lines, and water surface profiles, in accordance with s. 8.1.

8.1 GENERAL

The governing body shall change or supplement the floodplain zoning district boundaries and this ordinance in the manner outlined in s. 8.2 below. Actions which require an amendment to the ordinance and/ or submittal of a Letter of Map Change (LOMC) include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Any fill or floodway encroachment that obstructs flow causing any increase in the regional flood height;
- (2) Any change to the floodplain boundaries and/or watercourse alterations on the FIRM;
- (3) Any changes to any other officially adopted floodplain maps listed in s. 1.5 (2)(b);
- (4) Any floodplain fill which raises the elevation of the filled area to a height at or above the flood protection elevation and is contiguous to land lying outside the floodplain;
- (5) Correction of discrepancies between the water surface profiles and floodplain maps;
- (6) Any upgrade to a floodplain zoning ordinance text required by s. NR 116.05, Wis.