

TOWN OF PLUM LAKE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
VILAS COUNTY

Ordinance 2026-001
Fire Inspection Frequency Ordinance

Whereas, the town of Plum Lake is dedicated to the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and businesses

Whereas, regular fire inspections are a proven method for mitigating fire hazards, ensuring compliance with fire safety codes and protecting life and property.

Whereas, Wisconsin law and administrative code require fire inspections and allow municipalities to establish a schedule of conducting them;

Now, Therefore, the Town Board of the Town of Plum Lake, Vilas County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish the frequency of required fire prevention inspections within the Town of Plum Lake pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 314.01(13)(b)7.a. and other applicable provisions of Wisconsin law.

SECTION 2. FIRE INSPECTION FREQUENCY

The Fire Chief of the Plum Lake Fire Department, or the Fire Chief's authorized designee, shall conduct fire prevention inspections of buildings and premises subject to inspection under Wisconsin law at least once per calendar year.

In no case shall the interval between required inspections exceed fifteen (15) months.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall prohibit the Fire Chief or authorized designee from conducting inspections more frequently when deemed necessary because of fire hazards, previous violations, complaints, changes in occupancy or use, or other conditions affecting fire and life safety.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF INSPECTIONS

Fire prevention inspections shall be conducted in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 314, Wis. Stat. § 101.14, and all other applicable state and local laws.

The interiors of private dwelling units shall not be subject to routine periodic fire inspections except as otherwise authorized or required by law.

SECTION 4. FIRE INSPECTOR

The Fire Chief and any properly authorized designee shall perform the duties of fire inspector within the Town consistent with Wisconsin law.

Persons conducting inspections shall possess any certification, credential, or training required by applicable Wisconsin law.

SECTION 5. MORE FREQUENT INSPECTIONS

Nothing contained in this Ordinance limits the authority of the Fire Chief, fire inspector, or other authorized official to inspect a property more frequently when permitted by law and reasonably necessary for fire prevention or life safety purposes.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 7. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

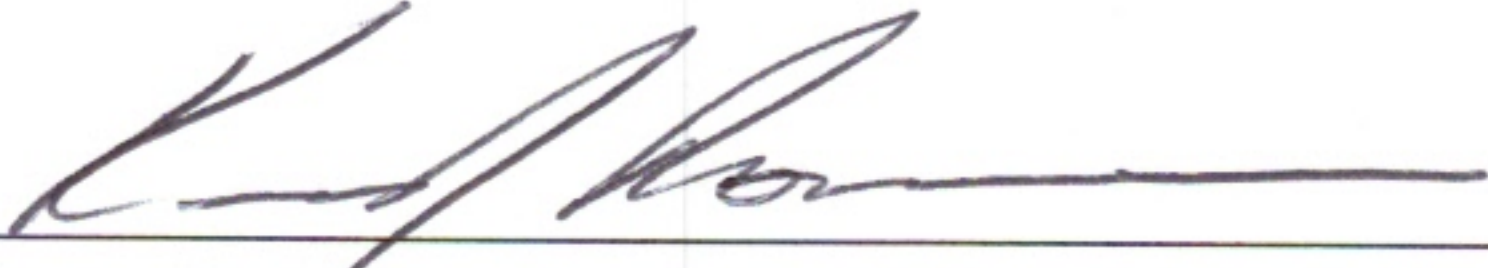
SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication or posting as required by law.

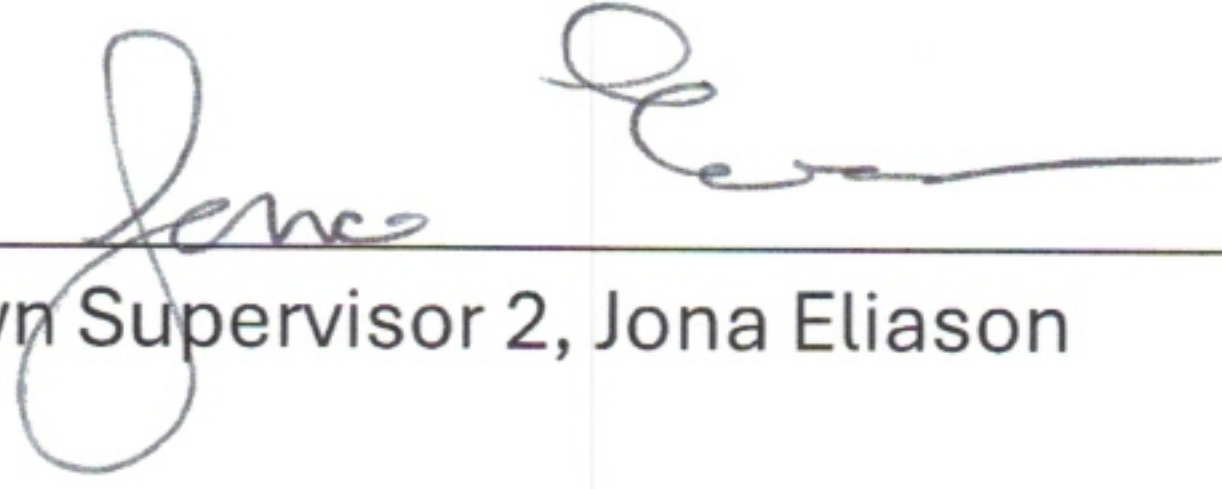
Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Plum Lake, Vilas County, Wisconsin, this 13th day of October, 2026.



Town Chairperson, Jackey Postuchow



Town Supervisor 1, Kevin Rasmussen



Town Supervisor 2, Jona Eliason

Attest:

Town Clerk