

## CHAPTER 44 MUNICIPAL COURT

### 44.10 MUNICIPAL COURT

(1) MUNICIPAL COURT CREATED

There is hereby created and established a Municipal Court under the provisions of Chapter 755 of the Wisconsin Statutes for the City of Oconomowoc, Village of Oconomowoc Lake, Village of Dousman, Town of Delafield, Village of Nashotah, Town of Lisbon, Town of Merton, Village of Sussex, Village of Hartland, Village of Lac LaBelle, Town of Oconomowoc, Village of Summit, Village of Chenequa, Town of Erin, Village of Merton, Village of Sullivan, Village of Johnson Creek (Contract Member), Town of Ixonia (Contract Member) and Town of Ottawa (Contract Member)" or so many of those municipalities which enact an ordinance identical to this ordinance pursuant to §755.01(4).

(2) MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Such court shall be under the jurisdiction of and presided over by a Municipal Judge, who shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Wisconsin, and who shall reside in one of the following Municipalities: City of Oconomowoc, Village of Oconomowoc Lake, Village of Dousman, Town of Delafield, Village of Nashotah, Town of Lisbon, Town of Merton, Village of Sussex, Village of Hartland, Village of Lac LaBelle, Town of Oconomowoc, Village of Summit, Village of Chenequa, Town of Erin, Village of Merton, Village of Sullivan, Village of Johnson Creek, Town of Ixonia or Town of Ottawa or those municipalities which enact an ordinance identical to this ordinance and enter into an agreement pursuant to §66.0301 Wis. Stats. for the joint exercise of the power granted under §755.01 Wis. Stats. Such Municipal Judge shall be elected at large in the spring election for a term of four (4) years commencing May 1. All candidates for the position of Municipal Judge shall be nominated by nomination papers as provided in §8.10 Wis. Stats., and selection at a primary election if such is held as provided in §8.11 Wis. Stats. The Town Board of the Town of Lisbon shall provide for a primary election whenever three (3) or more candidates file nomination papers for such position of Municipal Judge as provided in §8.11(1)(a) Wis. Stats., and such primary election shall be held on the third Tuesday of February as provided in §5.02(22) Wis. Stats.

(3) ELECTIONS

The Municipal Clerk of each municipality shall see to the compliance with §5.58(1c), 5.60(1)(b), 5.60(2), 7.10(1)(a), 7.60(4)(a) and 8.10(6)(bm) to provide for the election of a Municipal Judge under §755.01(4).

(4) OATH AND BOND

The Judge shall, after his election or appointment to fill a vacancy, take and file the official oath as prescribed in §757.02(1), Wis. Stats., and at the same time execute and file an official bond in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Judge shall not act until his oath and bond have been filed as required by §19.01(4)(c) Wis. Stats. and the requirements of §755.03(2) have been complied with.

(5) SALARY

The salary of the Municipal Judge shall be fixed by the governing bodies of the municipalities that created and established this Municipal Court, which shall be in lieu of fees and costs. No salary shall be paid for any time during his/her term during which such Judge has not executed his official bond or official oath, as required by §755.03, Wis. Stats., and filed pursuant to §19.01(4)(c) Wis. Stats. The municipalities may by separate ordinances, resolutions, or through the budget process, allocate funds for the administration of the Municipal Court pursuant to Wis. Stats. §66.0301.

(6) JURISDICTION

The municipal Judge of the Municipal Court shall have such jurisdiction as provided by §755.045 and 755.05 Wis. Stats., and as otherwise provided by State Law. The Municipal Judge is authorized to issue inspection warrants under §66.0119 Wis. Stats.

(7) LOCATION AND HOURS

The Municipal Court shall be held in the Council Chambers of the City of Oconomowoc City Hall at 174 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. The Municipal Court shall be open at such times as determined by the Municipal Judge.

(8) FINES AND FORFEITURES

The Municipal Judge may impose punishment and sentences as provided by §800.09, Wis. Stats., and as provided in the ordinances of the following municipalities: City of Oconomowoc, Village of Oconomowoc Lake, Village of Dousman, Town of Delafield, Village of Nashotah, Town of Lisbon, Town of Merton, Village of Sussex, Village of Hartland, Village of Lac LaBelle, Town of Oconomowoc, Village of Summit, Village of Chenequa, Town of Erin, Village of Merton, Village of Sullivan, Village of Johnson Creek, Town of Ixonia or Town of Ottawa. All forfeitures, fees, penalty assessments and costs shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Municipality within which the case arose within 7 days after receipt of the money by the Municipal Judge or other court personnel. At the time of the payment, the Municipal Judge shall report to the Treasurer the title of the action, the offense for which a forfeiture was imposed and the total amount of the forfeiture, fees, penalty assessment and costs, if any.

(9) STIPULATIONS AND DEPOSITS IN MUNICIPAL COURT

The Municipal Court herein established shall be operated pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 800 Wis. Stats., and, where applicable, other provisions of the Wis. Stats. as referred to in subsection (10) below. The Municipal Judge shall establish in accordance with §800.037 Wis. Stats., a schedule of deposits for violations of City, Village and Town ordinances, resolutions and by-laws, except traffic regulations which are and shall be governed by §345.26 Wis. Stats., and boating violations which are, and shall be governed by §23.66 and 23.67 Wis. Stats. Such deposit schedule shall be approved by the respective governing bodies of the municipalities creating and establishing this Court and shall be posted in the office of the Municipal Court Clerk and the police departments of the respective communities.

(10) PROCEDURE IN MUNICIPAL COURT

The procedure in Municipal Court shall be as provided by this Ordinance and State Law including, but not excluding because of enumeration Chapters 66, 345, 751, 755, 757 and 800 of Wis. Stats.

(11) CONTEMPT PROCEDURES

(a) The Municipal Judge may impose a sanction authorized under §800.12(2) for contempt of court, as defined in §785.01(1) Wis. Stats, in accordance with the procedures under §785.03 Wis. Stats.

(b) The Municipal Judge may impose a forfeiture for contempt under §800.12(1) Wis. Stats, in an amount not to exceed \$50.00 or, upon nonpayment of the forfeiture and the penalty assessment under §757.05 Wis. Stats., a jail sentence not to exceed 7 days.

(12) The Municipal Court hereby established shall not be abolished while the 755.01(4) agreement is in effect.

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