

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF BURNETT
TOWN OF TRADE LAKE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02

Ordinance Governing Conduct Toward an Election Official

Upon review, recommendation, and consideration by the Town Board of the Town of Trade Lake, Burnett County, and pursuant to the general authority under its Village Powers under Wis. Stats. § 60.22 the Town Board does ordain as follows:

Conduct Toward Election Official.

- A. No person shall, in a public or private place, engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud, or otherwise disorderly conduct directed at or toward an individual working in their capacity as an Election Official or based on their position as an Election Official.
- B. No person shall knowingly interfere with or obstruct any individual working in their capacity as an Election Official in the performance of such individual's duties related to the conduct of an election.
- C. No person shall send an individual working in their capacity as an Election Official or based on their position as an Election Official a telecommunication message, with the reasonable expectation that such individual will receive the message, using any harassing, violent, abusive, threatening, indecent, or profane language or image, or any other message in which such telecommunication message tends to cause or provoke a disturbance.

D. Definitions.

"Election Official" has the same definition provided in Wis. Stats. § 5.02(4e), meaning an individual who is charged with any duties related to the conduct of an election.

"Telecommunication message" means any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, electronic message, or intelligence of any nature using any instrument, equipment, machine, or other device that facilitates telecommunication or electronic communication, including but not limited to a computer, computer network, computer chip, computer circuit, scanner, telephone, cellular telephone, pager, personal communications device, radio, transponder, receiver, modem, or device that enables the use of a modem.

E. Penalty for Violation. Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction for a first offense, forfeit not less than \$300.00 nor more than \$1,000.00. Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction for a second or subsequent offense within one year, forfeit not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$5,000.00.

Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and publication as required by law. The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under Wisconsin Statutes §60.80.

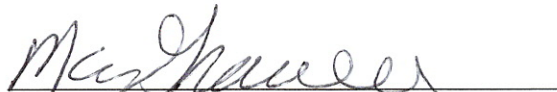
Adopted on this 8th day of August, 2024 by the Town of Trade Lake.



Ramona Moody, Town Chairperson

Date of publication: August 8, 2024

Attested by:



Marjie Gravelle, Town Clerk