

VILLAGE OF RIB MOUNTAIN

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

A Charter Ordinance for the Village of Rib Mountain
Creating
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Section 1.00 Terminology
And
Repealing and Recreating
Chapter 1 General Government
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Section 1.13 Village Clerk-Treasurer
And
Repeal
Chapter 1 General Government
Section 1.17 Code Enforcement Officer

The Village Board of the Village of Rib Mountain, Marathon County, Wisconsin, do hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1: CHAPTER 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, SECTION 1.00 ENTITLED “TERMINOLOGY” of the Code of the Village of Rib Mountain is hereby created to provide as follows:

Any reference to the Town of Rib Mountain or the Town Board of Rib Mountain in this Code is to be construed as the Village of Rib Mountain or the Village Board of Rib Mountain.

Section 2: CHAPTER 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, SECTION 1.01 ENTITLED “ELECTED OFFICIALS” of the Code of the Village of Rib Mountain is hereby repealed and recreated to provide as follows:

1.01 – ELECTED OFFICIALS

(1) TRUSTEES

- a. The Village Board shall consist of the Village President and four Village Trustees, all of whom shall be elected from the Village of Rib Mountain at large. In order for the terms of the Village President and Village Trustees to be staggered, the Village President and two (2) of the Trustees shall be elected at the regular spring election in odd-numbered years to serve a two (2) year term while the other two (2) Trustees shall be elected at the regular spring election in even-numbered years. The provisions for staggered terms shall take effect as provided in par. (b) below.
- b. The staggered terms provided in par. (a) shall be implemented and applied to a special election held in 2023. The Village President and two (2) Trustees receiving the highest number of votes in that election shall serve two (2) year terms and the other two (2) Trustees shall serve one-year terms, with each subsequent election to be for two (2) year terms so that elections occur in both odd-numbered and even-numbered years.
- c. The Village pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 61.195 and 66.0101 hereby elects not to be governed by those portions of Wis. Stats. §§ 8.30(2m), 61.19, 61.20, 61.23, 61.195, and 61.20 which are in conflict with this section.
- d. Nomination papers shall be used for nomination to elective Village of Rib Mountain offices, pursuant to the procedures described in § 8.05(4), Wis. Stats.

Section 3: CHAPTER 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, SECTION 1.02 ENTITLED “APPOINTED OFFICIALS” of the Code of the Village of Rib Mountain is hereby repealed and recreated to provide as follows:

1.02 – APPOINTED OFFICIALS

The following Village officials shall be appointed in the manner and for the term indicated, all terms to commence on the third Tuesday of April, unless otherwise stipulated by the Village Board.

Official	How Appointed	Term
Assessor	Village Board	1 year
Attorney	Village Board	1 year
Building Inspector	Village Board	1 year
Clerk	Village Board	1 year
Fire Chief	*	*
Treasurer	Village Board	1 year
*Pursuant to the South Area Fire and Emergency Response District Charter, unless dissolved		

Other offices: The Village of Rib Mountain pursuant to Sections §§ 66.0101 and 61.195, Wisconsin Statutes hereby abolishes the offices of constable and marshal.

Section 4: CHAPTER 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, SECTION 1.04 ENTITLED “REMOVALS” of the Code of the Village of Rib Mountain is hereby repealed and recreated to provide as follows:

1.04 - REMOVALS

- (1) ELECTED OFFICIALS. Elected officials may be removed by the Village Board as provided in § 17.13(2), Wis. Stats., or by the judge of the Circuit Court for cause pursuant to § 17.16, Wis. Stats.
- (2) APPOINTED OFFICIALS. Appointed officials may be removed as provided in §§ 17.13(1), and (3) and 17.16, Wis. Stats.

Section 5: CHAPTER 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, SECTION 1.06 ENTITLED “COMPENSATION” of the Code of the Village of Rib Mountain is hereby repealed and recreated to provide as follows:

1.06 - COMPENSATION

The compensation of all elected and appointed officials, including members of boards and commissions, shall be as determined by the Village Board, when authorized under § 61.193, Wis. Stats., provided salaries and compensation rates of elected officials shall not be increased or reduced during their terms of office.

Section 6: CHAPTER 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, SECTION 1.10 ENTITLED “TOWN CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS” of the Code of the Village of Rib Mountain is hereby repealed and recreated to provide as follows:

1.10 – VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES

- (1) ELECTION AND TERM. See § 1.01
- (2) AUTHORITY. The Village Board of the Village of Rib Mountain is confirmed to have the specific statutory authority, powers, duties of the Village Board of the Village of Rib Mountain established by law and this chapter, other statutory authority, powers and duties to manage and direct the affairs of the Village of Rib Mountain.

Section 7: CHAPTER 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, SECTION 1.101 ENTITLED “TOWN ADMINISTRATOR” of the Code of the Village of Rib Mountain is hereby repealed and recreated to provide as follows:

1.101 – VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

- (1) PURPOSE. The Village of Rib Mountain desires to run its government in an effective, responsible and efficient manner.
- (2) TERM, APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES. The Village Administrator shall be selected and appointed by the Village Board, and paid such salary and benefits as established by the Village Board. The Village Administrator shall have such powers and duties as established by the Village Board and which do not conflict with powers and duties conferred by law on other Village officers, commissions, committees, or boards. The Village Administrator shall serve at the pleasure of the Village Board, and may be terminated at anytime without cause by a majority vote of the Village Board.

Section 8: CHAPTER 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, SECTION 1.11 ENTITLED “ASSESSOR” of the Code of the Village of Rib Mountain is hereby repealed and recreated to provide as follows:

1.11 – ASSESSOR

(1) APPOINTMENT AND TERM. See § 1.02

(2) POWERS AND DUTIES

- a. Applicable Statutes. See §§ 70.12, 70.13, 70.17, 70.18, 70.19, 70.23, 70.29, 70.30, 70.32, 70.327, 70.34, 70.345, 70.35, 70.365, 70.43, 70.44, 70.45, 70.47(7)(af), 70.48, 70.49, 70.50, 70.501, and 70.503, in particular.
- b. Other Duties Prescribed By Law. Assessor shall perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by state law, supervisory personnel of the state department of revenue and the Village Board, including attendance at all meetings of the Board of Review.
- c. Confidentiality of information. Whenever the assessor, in the performance of the assessor's duties, requests or obtains income and expense information pursuant to § 70.47(7)(af), Wis. Stats., or any successor statute thereto, then, such income and expense information that is provided to the assessor shall be held by the assessor on a confidential basis, except, however, that said information may be revealed to and used by persons: in the discharging of duties imposed by law; in the discharge of duties imposed by office (including, but not limited to, use by the assessor in performance of official duties of the assessor's office and use by the board of review in performance of its official duties); or pursuant to order of a court. Income and expense information provided to the assessor under § 70.47(7)(af), unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is, per § 70.47(7)(af), not subject to the right of inspection and copying under § 19.35(1), Wis. Stats.

State Law reference – Village assessor, Wis. Stat. § 61.27.

Section 9: CHAPTER 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, SECTION 1.12 ENTITLED “TOWN ATTORNEY” of the Code of the Village of Rib Mountain is hereby repealed and recreated to provide as follows:

1.12 – VILLAGE ATTORNEY

(1) APPOINTMENT AND TERM. See § 1.02 of this chapter.

(2) POWERS AND DUTIES. The Village Attorney shall perform such duties as directed by the Village Board.

Section 10. CHAPTER 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, SECTION 1.13 ENTITLED “CLERK/TREASURER” of the Code of the Village of Rib Mountain is hereby repealed and recreated to provide as follows:

1.13 – VILLAGE CLERK

(1) The Village of Rib Mountain, pursuant to §§ 61.195 and 66.0101, Wis. Stats., hereby elects not to be governed by those portions of §§ 61.19, 61.23, and 61.25, Wis. Stats., which are in conflict with this ordinance.

(2) TERM. The Village Clerk shall have a term of office for 1 year, subject to removal as provided in § 17.13, Wis. Stat.

- (3) **POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Village Clerk shall have such powers and perform such duties as prescribed by State Law and directed by the Village Board. See § 61.25, Wis. Stat.

1.14 – VILLAGE TREASURER

- (1) The Village of Rib Mountain, pursuant to §§ 61.195 and 66.0101 hereby elects not be governed by those portions of §§ 61.19, 61.23, and 61.26, Wis. Stats., which are in conflict with this ordinance.
- (2) **TERM.** The Village Treasurer shall have a term of office for 1 year, subject to removal as provided in § 17.13, Wis. Stat.
- (3) **POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Village Treasurer shall have such powers and perform such duties as prescribed by State Law and directed by the Village Board. See § 61.26, Wis. Stat.

Section 11. CHAPTER 1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, SECTION 1.17 ENTITLED “CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER” of the Code of the Village of Rib Mountain is hereby repealed:

Section 12: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 13: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared invalid, or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision.

Section 14: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage and notice to the public as required by law.

Adopted this 1 day of August, 2023.


Allen Opall, Chairman

ATTEST:


Lynnae Kolden, Clerk