ORDINANCE V25-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-123 (b), (c), and (e); VILLAGE PLAN COMMISSION CREATED

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 62.23(1), allows for a village board, by the passing of an ordinance, to create a "Village Plan Commission" to consist of seven members, and

WHEREAS, §62.23(1), further states the members shall be appointed by the president, and may consist of elected or appointed officials, except that the commission shall have at least three citizen members who are not village officials, and

WHEREAS, in January 2025, the Board approved Ordinance V25-05 to have the Plan Commission membership consist of the village president as the presiding officer, one trustee member, and five village resident members, and

WHEREAS, the Board has since confirmed that state statutes allow through municipal ordinance, but do not require, the village president be appointed as the presiding officer, and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it in the best interest of the Village to further amend the Plan Commission membership, starting with the 2025 appointments, by removing from the Village Code of Ordinances, the requirement for the village president to act as the presiding officer, and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it in the best interest of the Village to appoint another seat to a citizen, and

FURTHERMORE, allow the Plan Commission members to recommend who the village president should appoint to be its presiding office, and

FURTHER STILL, reduce the trustee seat to a one-year term, thus allowing all trustees eligibility for appointment, regardless of their trustee term.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, the Village Board of the Village of Harrison, Calumet County, State of Wisconsin, does hereby amend Section 2-123(b), (c), and (e) to read as follows:

> **CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2 – PLAN COMMISSION**
> **Sec. 2-123. - Village plan commission created.**
>
> (a) Authority. A Village Plan Commission is hereby created and shall operate as an advisory board under the provisions of Wis. Stats. §62.23.
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> (b) Composition. The Plan Commission shall consist of seven members; ~~two~~ one village board ~~member; one being the village president and one being a village trustee~~, and ~~five~~ six citizens. The members shall be people whose experience and qualifications are of such kind and nature as to prepare them to discharge the duties required of them.
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> (c) Village Board Member. ~~The village president shall assume the role of the Plan Commission presiding officer and shall serve for the balance of their term in office.~~ A village trustee shall be appointed by the Village President and approved by a majority vote at the first

meeting of the Village Board held after the Spring Election and shall serve for the ~~balance of their term in office~~. a one-year term.

(d) Citizen Members. The citizen members shall be appointed by the village president and confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Village Board. Citizen Members shall be citizens of the United States and residents of the Village of Harrison who are not Village elected or appointed officials. The terms shall be staggered from the succeeding May 1, so that no more than two citizen member terms expire in the same year. Thereafter, appointments shall be made in April for each term expiring May 1 and shall be for a term of three years.

(e) Presiding Officer. The Village President is not the presiding officer of the Plan Commission. The Village President selects the presiding officer of the planning commission, with input from the planning commission, as desired.

EFFECT. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon approval and adoption by the Village Board. All other provisions of the Code of Ordinances not specifically amended herein shall remain unmodified and with full force and effect.

ADOPTED by the Village Board of the Village of Harrison this 29th day of April, 2025.

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Scott Handschke, Village President

Attest: _____
Vicki L. Tessen, Clerk

Recorded Vote: Aye _____ Nay _____