



WAUPACA COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 37 (Reference to Original Ordinance No. 3)

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Chapter 37

Subdivision Ordinance (Reference to original Ordinance No. 3)

1.0 Introduction

1.01 Authority

Pursuant to the authority granted by Sections 59.692, 281.31 and 236.45 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the County Board of Supervisors of Waupaca County does ordain as follows:

1.02 Title

This Ordinance shall be known as, referred to, or cited as the Subdivision Ordinance, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

1.03 Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this Ordinance is to:

1. Regulate and control the division of land within the unincorporated areas of Waupaca County.
2. Promote the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity; conserve, protect, and enhance property value; and secure the most appropriate use of land throughout the unincorporated areas of Waupaca County.
3. Implement the County's Comprehensive Plan.
4. Promote orderly growth and development; further the orderly division, layout and use of land; prevent the overcrowding of land; lessen congestion in the streets and highways; provide for adequate light and air; facilitate adequate provisions for water, sewerage and other public requirements; provide for proper ingress and egress.
5. Prescribe reasonable rules and regulations governing the subdivision and platting of land, the preparation of plats, the location, width, and course of streets, highways, and parkways, the installation of utilities, street pavements and other essential improvements; the provision of necessary public grounds for schools, parks and other public open spaces, and promote proper monumenting of subdivided land and conveying by accurate legal description.

1.04 Abrogation and Greater Restrictions

It is not intended by this Ordinance to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair, or interfere with any existing easements, covenants, deed restrictions, agreements, ordinances, rules, regulations, or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law. However, whenever this Ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern.

1.05 Interpretation

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be minimum requirements and shall be liberally construed in favor of Waupaca County, and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any other power granted by the Wisconsin Statutes.

1.06 Severability

If any section, provision, or portion of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

If any application of this Ordinance to a particular structure, land, or water is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not be applicable to any other structure, land, or water not specifically included in said judgment.

Zoning regulations adopted by Waupaca County, which incorporate by reference Wisconsin State Statute, also include existing or future amendments. This Ordinance shall be deemed to be in strict conformity, and not contrary to or inconsistent with such chapters or rules as the result of statutory amendments.

1.07 Repeal

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances of Waupaca County inconsistent or conflicting with this Ordinance, to the extent of the inconsistency only, are hereby repealed.

1.08 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective after a public hearing, adoption by the County Board of Supervisors, and Publication or posting as provided by law.

2.0 Rules and Definitions

2.01 Rules

In the construction of this Ordinance, the rules and definitions contained in this section shall be observed and applied, except when the context clearly indicates otherwise.

1. Words used in the present tense shall include the future, and words used in the singular number shall include the plural number, and the plural the singular.
2. The word “shall” is mandatory and not discretionary.
3. The word “may” is permissive.

2.02 Definitions

1. **Access:** The description and descriptions which identify in writing the physical location of the nonexclusive vehicular access rights to a public street as provided in a recorded document. The minimum width for a legal access, including easements, shall be a minimum of thirty-three (33) feet.
2. **Alley:** A public or private right-of-way which provides secondary access to abutting properties.
3. **Approving Authority:** Each governmental body having authority to approve or reject a preliminary or Final Plat. Approving authorities are set forth in Section 236.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
4. **Arterial Street:** A street used, or intended to be used, primarily for fast or heavy through traffic. Arterial streets shall include freeways and expressways as well as standard arterial streets, highways, and parkways.
5. **Block:** A group of lots existing within well defined and fixed boundaries, usually being an area surrounded by streets or other physical barriers, and having an assigned number, letter, or other name through which it may be identified.
6. **Building:** Any structure which is built for the support, shelter, or enclosure of persons, animals, or property of any kind. Also see Structure.
7. **Building Setback Line, Front:** A line parallel to the street line defined by the County Zoning Ordinance, beyond which buildings may not be erected.
8. **Certified Survey Map:** A map, prepared in accordance with Section 236.34 of the Wisconsin Statutes and this Ordinance, for the purpose of dividing land into not more than four (4) parcels, inclusive of the parent parcel, or used to document for recording purposes survey and dedication data relating to single parcels.
9. **Cluster Land Division:** A residential development that concentrates buildings or lots on a part or parts of the site to allow the remaining land to be used for open space, recreation, protection of environmental features, agriculture, or other purposes, where the density regulations are applied to the project as a whole instead of to its individual lots.
10. **Collector Street:** A street used, or intended to be used, to carry traffic from minor streets to the major system of arterial streets including principal entrance streets to residential developments.
11. **Condominium:** A form of ownership combining individual unit ownership with shared use and ownership of common property or facilities, established in accordance with Chapter 703 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Condominium Ownership Act. Common areas

and facilities are owned by all members of the condominium association on a proportional, undivided basis. A condominium is a legal form of ownership, and not a specific building type or style.

12. **Condominium Association:** An association, whose members consist of owners of units in a condominium, which administers and maintains the common property and common elements of a condominium.
13. **Conservation Easement:** The grant of a property right or interest from the property owner to a unit of government or nonprofit conservation organization stipulating that the described area shall remain in its natural, scenic, open, agricultural, or wooded state precluding future or additional development.
14. **Contiguous:** Lots or parcels shall be considered contiguous if they share a common boundary. Land that is separated only by a navigable river, stream or creek, section line, public or private road, rail right-of-way, pipeline, transmission line, or other right-of-way or easement shall be considered contiguous. Lots or parcels that only meet at a single point are not considered contiguous.
15. **County:** Reference to County shall mean Waupaca County including any agency, department or committee thereof.
16. **County Comprehensive Plan:** Reference to County Comprehensive Plan shall mean the Waupaca County Comprehensive Plan, the adopted long range plan for Waupaca County as defined by Chapter 66.1001, Wis. Stats that sets forth, in words, maps, illustrations, and/or tables, the goals, policies and guidelines intended to direct the present and future physical, social, and economic development that occurs within its planning jurisdiction.
17. **Covenant:** A restriction on the use of land, usually set forth in the deed.
18. **Cul-de-Sac Street:** A minor street with only one (1) outlet and having a turn-around for the safe and convenient reversal of traffic movement as provided by this Ordinance.
19. **Days:** Shall refer to working days, unless specifically stated otherwise.
20. **Deed Restriction:** A restriction on the use of a property set forth in the deed accompanying the property.
21. **Dedication:** The deliberate appropriation of land by an owner for any general and public use, reserving to the owner no other rights than such are compatible with the full exercise and enjoyment of public uses to which the property has been devoted. The intention to dedicate shall be evidenced by the owner upon presentation for filing of a final plat or Certified Survey Map showing the dedication thereon, and the acceptance by the public shall be evidenced by the approval by the appropriate governmental unit of such plat for filing.
22. **Density:** The number of residential dwelling units located within a specific land area, expressed as the number of units per acre(s) or square feet. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the minimum density required or maximum density allowed is calculated based on the gross acreage of the parcel(s). Existing residential dwelling units within the parcel are included in the calculation.
23. **Density Unit:** A legally allowed residential development right.
24. **Development:** Any artificial change to improved or unimproved real estate, including, but not limited to, the construction of buildings, structures or accessory structures; the construction of additions or substantial improvements to buildings, structures, or accessory structures; the placement of buildings or structures; mining, dredging, filling,

grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations; and the storage, deposition, or extraction of materials.

25. **Development Agreement:** An agreement entered into by and between the Town and a subdivider whereby the Town and subdivider agree as to the design, construction, and installation of required public improvements; the payment for such public improvements; the dedication of land; and other matters related to the requirements of this Ordinance. The Development Agreement shall not come into effect unless and until a Letter of Credit or other appropriate surety has been provided to the Town by the subdivider.
26. **Extraterritorial Plat Approval Jurisdiction:** The unincorporated area within one and one-half (1 ½) miles of a fourth-class city or village and within three (3) miles of all other cities over which cities and villages may exercise Plat approval provided they have enacted an Official Map Ordinance or Subdivision Control Ordinance in accordance with Section 236.10, Wisconsin Statutes.
27. **Final Plat:** The map or plan of a subdivision, and any accompanying material, as described in Section 6.0 of this Ordinance.
28. **Flag Lot:** Description of the shape of a property, where access to a road is provided along the long, narrow "flag pole" and the usable land itself is the rectangular flag at the end of the pole.
29. **Floodplains:** Those lands, including the floodplains, floodways, and channels, subject to inundation by the one hundred (100)-year recurrence interval flood; or where such data are not available, the maximum flood of record.
30. **Frontage:** The length of the front property line of the lot, lots, or tract of land abutting a public street, road, highway, or rural right-of-way.
31. **Frontage Street:** A minor street auxiliary to and located on the side of an arterial street for control of access and for service to the abutting development.
32. **Gradient:** The rate of vertical change of a ground surface expressed as a percentage figure determined by dividing the vertical distance by the horizontal distance.
33. **Gross Site Area:** The total area within the boundaries of a tract to be subdivided, including the area to the centerline of adjacent established public rights of way.
34. **Hedgerow:** A row of shrubs or trees planted for enclosure or separation of fields.
35. **Homeowners Association:** An association combining individual home ownership with shared use, ownership, maintenance, and responsibility for common property or facilities, including private open space, within a land division.
36. **Improvement, Public:** Any sanitary sewer, storm sewer, drainage ditch, water main, roadway, park, parkway, public access, sidewalk, pedestrian way, planting strip, off-street parking area, or other facility for which the County or Town may ultimately assume the responsibility for maintenance and operation.
37. **Land Division:** A generic term that includes both subdivisions and minor subdivisions, as those terms are defined in this Section.
38. **Legal Description:** The description and/or descriptions which identify in writing the physical location of the land interest conveyed as it exists on a recorded deed and/or deeds of the area to be platted.
39. **Lot:** A buildable parcel of land represented and identified in a subdivision or minor subdivision as defined in Sections 2.02.48 and 2.02.69 and in accordance with the County Zoning Ordinance.

40. **Lot Area:** The area of contiguous land bounded by lot lines, exclusive of land provided for public thoroughfares.
41. **Lot Area, Gross:** The area contained within the property lines of an individual parcel of land, including area to the centerline of any adjacent public street or railroad right-of-way or proscriptive easement.
42. **Lot, Corner:** A lot abutting two (2) or more streets at their intersection provided that the corner of such intersection shall have an angle of one hundred thirty-five (135) degrees or less, measured on the lot side.
43. **Lot Corner Monument:** At a minimum, one (1) inch inside diameter galvanized iron pipe or three-quarter (3/4) inch rebar set to mark a corner or angle point of a lot or other division.
44. **Lot Depth:** The horizontal distance of a straight line drawn from the midpoint of the front property line to the midpoint of the rear property line.
45. **Lot, Through:** A lot which has a pair of opposite lot lines along two (2) substantially parallel streets, and which is not a corner lot. On a “through lot” both street lines shall be deemed front lot lines.
46. **Lot Width:** The horizontal distance between side lot lines measured at right angles to lot depth line at a point midway between the front and rear property lines. If the side property lines are not parallel, the width of the lot shall be the length of a line at right angles to the depth line or the lot at a distance midway from the front and rear property lines.
47. **Minor Street:** A street used, or intended to be used, primarily for access to abutting properties.
48. **Minor Subdivision:** The division of land by the owner or subdivider resulting in the creation of not more than four (4) parcels or building sites, inclusive of the original parent parcel, any one (1) of which is twenty (20) acres or less in size; or the division of a block, lot or outlot within a recorded subdivision plat into not more than four (4) parcels or building sites, inclusive of the original parent parcel, without changing the exterior boundaries of said block or outlot.
49. **Navigable Water:** Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, all natural inland lakes within Wisconsin and all streams, ponds, sloughs, flowages and other waters within the territorial limits of this State, including the Wisconsin portion of boundary waters, which are navigable under the laws of this State. Under Wis. Stats. s. 281.31(2)(m), notwithstanding any other provision of law or administrative rule promulgated thereunder, Shoreland Ordinances required under Wis. Stats. s. 59.692, and ch. NR 115, Wis. Adm. Code, do not apply to lands adjacent to farm drainage ditches if:
 - a. Such lands are not adjacent to a natural navigable stream or river.
 - b. Those parts of such drainage ditches adjacent to such lands were not navigable streams before ditching; and
 - c. Such lands are maintained in nonstructural agricultural use.
50. **Objecting Authority:** An authority empowered to object to a subdivision plat pursuant to Chapter 236 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The County may not approve any plat upon which an objection has been certified until the objection has been satisfied. The objecting authorities include the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

51. **Official Map:** A document prepared and adopted pursuant to Section 62.23(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which shows the location of existing and planned streets, parkways, parks, playgrounds, railway rights-of-way, waterways, and public transit facilities.
52. **Open Space:** Any site, parcel, lot, area, or outlot of land or water that has been designated, dedicated, reserved, or restricted from further development. Open space may be privately or publicly owned, but shall not be part of individual residential lots. Open space shall be substantially free of structures, but may contain recreational facilities allowed by zoning regulations.
53. **Open Space, Common:** Privately-owned land within a land division or condominium that has been restricted in perpetuity from further development and is set aside for the use and enjoyment by residents of the land division or condominium. Common open space shall be substantially free of structures, but may contain recreational facilities allowed by zoning regulations.
54. **Ordinary High Water Mark:** The point on the bank or shore up to which the presence and action of surface water is so continuous as to leave a distinctive mark such as by erosion, destruction, or prevention of terrestrial vegetation, predominance of aquatic vegetation, or other easily recognized characteristic.
55. **Outlot:** A parcel of land not to be used for building purposes, so designated on the Plat or Certified Survey Map which is any of the following:
 - a. A parcel of land left over at the time of platting which does not meet the requirements of a lot.
 - b. A platted parcel which is intended for open space or other use and which is held in common ownership or which is transferred to a public agency or utility.
 - c. A platted parcel which is intended to be used for access purposes only, with a minimum width of thirty-three (33) feet and a maximum width of sixty-six (66) feet.
56. **Parcel:** A single piece of land separately owned, either publicly or privately, and capable of being conveyed separately.
57. **Parent Parcel:** The existing, legal lot of record, from which other parcels are divided.
58. **Planning and Zoning Committee:** This Committee of Waupaca County as authorized by Section 59.97, Wisconsin Statutes and created by the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors to serve as the County Planning & Zoning agency.
59. **Planning & Zoning Director:** Person designated by the Planning and Zoning Committee to administer this Ordinance.
60. **Preliminary Plat:** A map showing the salient features of a proposed subdivision submitted to the Planning and Zoning Committee for purposes of preliminary consideration, as described in Section 5.0 of this Ordinance.
61. **Public Way:** Any public road, street, highway, walkway, drainageway, or part thereof.
62. **Replat:** The process of changing, or the map or plat which changes, the boundaries of a recorded subdivision plat or part thereof. The legal dividing of a large block, lot or outlot within a recorded subdivision plat without changing exterior boundaries of said block, lot or outlot is not a replat.
63. **Reserve Strip:** Any land which would prohibit or interfere with the orderly extension of streets, bicycle or pedestrian ways, sanitary sewer, water mains, stormwater facilities or other utilities, or improvements between two (2) abutting properties. Reserve strips controlling access shall be prohibited.

64. **Sanitary Ordinance:** Reference to County Sanitary Ordinance shall mean Chapter 35 of the Waupaca County General Code of Ordinances.
65. **Shoreland:** Land lying within the following distances: one thousand (1,000) feet from the ordinary high water mark of a navigable lake, pond, or flowages; or three hundred (300) feet from the ordinary high water mark of a navigable stream, or to the landward edge of the floodplain, whichever distance is greater.
66. **Shoreland Ordinance:** Reference to County Shoreland Ordinance shall mean Chapter 32 of the Waupaca County General Code of Ordinances.
67. **Structure:** Anything constructed, erected, or placed on a property that has shape, form and utility and which is temporarily or permanently attached to or resting on or in the ground, riverbed, or lakebed. The term “structure” includes, but is not limited to, buildings, mobile homes, vehicles and trailers not in use for transportation purposes, above ground storage tanks, patios, decks, gazebos, above and below ground swimming pools, satellite dishes larger than one (1) meter in diameter, retaining walls, solid fences, towers. The term does not include filling or grading.
68. **Subdivider:** Any person, firm or corporation, or any agent thereof, dividing or proposing to divide land resulting in a subdivision, minor subdivision, or replat.
69. **Subdivision:** The division of a lot, parcel or tract of land by the owner thereof, or his agent, for the purpose of transfer of ownership or building development, including condominium development, where the act of division creates five (5) or more parcels or building sites, inclusive of the parent parcel, any one (1) of which is twenty (20) acres or less in area by division or successive divisions of any part of the parent property within a five (5)-year period.
70. **Surety Bond:** A bond guaranteeing performance of a contract or obligation through possible forfeiture of bond if said contract or obligation is unfulfilled by the subdivider.
71. **Tax Parcel:** An existing tract of land as defined by the governing jurisdictional body for taxation purposes.
72. **Town:** Reference to Town shall mean any Town of the County including the Town Board, Town Clerk, or any other designated Town Committee.
73. **Utility Easement:** An easement to place, replace, or move utility facilities, such as telephone or electric lines, water or sewer mains, gas pipelines, and fiber optic cables.
74. **Variance:** A departure from the terms of this Ordinance as applied to a specific parcel of land which the Waupaca County Board of Adjustment may permit pursuant to Section 3.07 of this Ordinance.
75. **Wetland:** An area where water is at, near, or above the land surface long enough to be capable of supporting aquatic or hydrophytic vegetation, and where the soils are indicative of wet conditions.
76. **Zoning Ordinance:** Reference to County Zoning Ordinance shall mean Chapter 34 of the Waupaca County General Code of Ordinances.

3.0 General Provisions

3.01 Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of this ordinance shall include all unincorporated lands within the County.

3.02 Applicability

1. **Subdivision:** Any division of land within the unincorporated lands of the County that results in a subdivision as defined in Section 2.0 shall be, and any other division of land may be, surveyed and a Plat thereof approved and recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.0 of this Ordinance and Chapter 236 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
2. **Minor Subdivision:** Any division of land within the unincorporated lands of the County that results in a minor subdivision as defined in Section 2.0 shall be, and any other division of land may be, surveyed and a Certified Survey Map thereof approved and recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.0 of this Ordinance and Chapter 236 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
3. **Condominiums:** It is the express intent of this Ordinance to regulate condominiums having one (1) or more principal structures on any parcel. This does not apply to condominium conversions of existing structures where no additional units are being created unless the parcel(s) contain areas regulated by the Waupaca County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. In no case shall the maximum number of units in a condominium exceed the maximum number of lots the same parcel could have accommodated under the County Zoning Ordinance if the parcel had been conventionally divided.
4. In no instance shall the provisions of this Ordinance apply to:
 - (a) **Transfers of Interests** in land by will or pursuant to court order.
 - (b) **Leases** for a term not to exceed ten (10) years, mortgages, or easements.
 - (c) **Sale or Exchange** of parcels of land between owners of adjoining property if additional lots are not thereby created. A preliminary site plan including distances and acreages must be approved by the Planning & Zoning Director for such exchanges for the purpose of verifying that additional lots are not thereby created and that the resultant lots are not reduced below the minimum lot sizes or made more nonconforming in terms of dimension as required by these regulations, the County Zoning Ordinance, or other applicable laws or ordinances. Sale or Exchanges require new deeds to be recorded with new legal descriptions defining the exterior boundaries of each new parcel. If a remnant parcel exceeds twenty (20) acres in size, a deed with the perimeter description of the remnant parcel will not be required. Maximum lot size shall not apply.
 - (d) **Combinations** of parcels require a new Deed to be recorded with a new legal description defining the exterior boundary of the whole parcel. In the case where the proposed combined parcel can be described as a quarter-quarter of a section, the deed description can be the quarter-quarter description of the combined parcel. Also included on the Deed shall be a statement that these parcels are intended to be combined to create one parcel. Said parcels shall not be conveyed separately in the future without complying with Waupaca County Zoning & Subdivision Ordinances.
 - (e) **Cemetery Plats** pursuant to Section 157.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

- (f) **Assessor's Plats** pursuant to Section 70.27 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- (g) **Division** of lots greater than twenty (20) acres in area, exclusive of land provided for public thoroughfares, or when a quarter-quarter is split evenly in half.
- (h) **Divisions** of land relating to the acquisition or exchange of land by public agencies, for public use and occupancy, including, but not limited to, land divisions made for road construction purposes.
- (i) **Divisions** of land created by the construction of a Level I, II, or III Highway, as defined by Chapter 34 Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance. The eventual sale of either division will, however, require new deeds so each parcel has their own tax identification number.
- (j) **Divisions** of land that were created by a naturally occurring geographic feature such as a river or stream. The eventual sale of either division will, however, require new deeds so each parcel has their own tax identification number.

3.03 Compliance

No subdivider shall divide any land located within the jurisdictional limits of these regulations which results in a subdivision, minor subdivision, replat, or condominium as defined herein; no such subdivision, minor subdivision, replat, or condominium shall be entitled to recording; and no street shall be laid or public improvement made without compliance with all requirements of this Ordinance and all other pertinent ordinances, regulations, resolutions, or plans which are adopted by the County and the following:

1. Duly Approved Regional and County Comprehensive Plans, or approved plan components including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance,
 - (b) Waupaca County Sanitary Ordinance,
 - (c) Waupaca County Comprehensive Plan,
 - (d) Waupaca County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan,
2. Applicable Local Plans and Ordinances,
3. Provisions of Chapter 236, Wisconsin Statutes,
4. Provisions of Chapter 703, Wisconsin Statutes for all proposed condominiums.
5. Rules of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation relating to provision for the safety of entrance upon and departure from State trunk highways or connecting highways and relating to the preservation of the public interest and investment in such highways.
6. Rules of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources setting water quality standards preventing and abating pollution, and regulating development within floodplain, wetland, and shoreland areas.

3.04 Land Suitability

No land shall be subdivided which is held unsuitable for any proposed use by the Planning & Zoning Director and/or Planning and Zoning Committee for reason of flooding, inadequate drainage, soil and rock formations with severe limitations for development, severe erosion potential, unfavorable topography, inadequate water supply or sewage disposal capabilities, or any other feature likely to be harmful to the health, safety or welfare of future residents of the proposed subdivision or of the community.

The Planning & Zoning Director in applying the provisions of this Ordinance shall in writing cite the particular facts upon which the conclusion that the land is not suitable for the proposed use is based, and shall afford the subdivider an opportunity to present evidence regarding such suitability at a public hearing. Thereafter, the Planning and Zoning Committee may affirm, modify, or withdraw its determination of unsuitability. In addition:

1. **Floodplains:** Lots in a subdivision shall have at least fifty percent (50%) of the minimum required lot area, based upon the respective zoning district, or one-half (½) acre, whichever is less, located outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area inundated by the one hundred (100)-year flood as shown on the latest FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) unless proven to be above the one hundred (100)-year flood elevation through a flood elevation study prepared by a licensed engineer and/or surveyor.
2. **Wetlands.** Lots in a subdivision shall have at least fifty percent (50%) of the minimum lot area, based upon the respective zoning district, or one half (1/2) acre, whichever is less, located outside of a wetland as depicted on the most precise Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources mapping or a wetland delineation completed by a qualified professional Wetland Delineator.

3.05 Dedication and Reservations of Land

1. **Whenever a Tract of Land** proposed to be a subdivision, minor subdivision, or condominium development embraces all or any part of a street, drainageway, or other public way which has been designated in the adopted Regional and County Comprehensive Plans, or adopted plan components, said public way shall be made a part of the Plat or Certified Survey Map and dedicated by the subdivider in the locations and dimensions indicated on said plan. For existing and planned streets within the tract to be divided, the subdivider shall dedicate the right-of-way specified within Section 8.04.1.
2. **Whenever a proposed Park, Playground, Public Access Open Space Site,** or other public land, other than streets or drainageways, designated in the adopted Regional and County Comprehensive Plans, or adopted plan components are embraced, all or in part, such proposed public lands shall be made a part of the Plat or Certified Survey Map and shall either be dedicated to the public or shall be reserved for acquisition at the undeveloped land costs, for a period not to exceed three (3) years from the date of recordation unless extended by mutual agreement between the subdivider and the public agency having jurisdiction. If the reserved land is not acquired by said public agency within the above time limit, the land shall be released to the owner.
3. **All Public Access** to the low watermark of navigable lakes and streams required by Section 236.16(3), Wisconsin Statutes shall be at least one hundred (100) feet wide to provide sufficient areas for turning movements and parking with topographical features acceptable to the Planning and Zoning Committee.
4. **The Lands Lying Between the Meander Line** established in accordance with Section 236.20(2)(g), Wisconsin Statutes, and the water's edge, and any otherwise unplattable lands which lie between a proposed subdivision, minor subdivision, or condominium development and the water's edge shall be included as part of lots,

outlots, or public dedications in any plat abutting a lake or stream. This requirement applies not only to lands proposed to be subdivided, but also to all lands under option to the subdivider or in which he holds any interest, which are contiguous to the lands proposed to be subdivided, and which abut a lake or stream as provided in Section 236.16(4), Wisconsin Statutes.

3.06 Development Agreement

The subdivider shall not install any streets or other improvements required by the Town until the Final Plat has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee. Before recording the Final Plat with the Register of Deeds, the subdivider is encouraged to enter into a development agreement with the Town agreeing to install all required improvements and shall file with said development agreement a surety bond or other satisfactory security meeting the approval of the Town Attorney as a guarantee that such improvements will be completed by the subdivider or his subcontractors within the time limit established by the Town Board. In order that adequate inspections can be made, the subdivider shall notify the Town Board one (1) week prior to the time each improvement is to be installed and upon completion of the project.

3.07 Variances

The County Board of Adjustment shall hear and decide all variance applications using the procedures established in Section 14.04 of the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance using the following criteria:

1. The conditions upon which the request is based are unique to the property for which the variance is sought and not applicable generally to other property.
2. Because of the physical surroundings, shape or topographical conditions of the property involved, a particular hardship to the owner would result, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience if the strict letter of these regulations is carried out.
3. Loss of profit or financial hardship is not in and of itself grounds for a variance. The fact that developing in compliance with ordinance requirements may cost considerably more does not constitute a hardship.
4. The variance will not in any manner vary the provision of other County ordinances and is consistent with the County and local comprehensive plans. Granting of a variance must neither harm the public interest nor undermine the purposes of this Ordinance. In granting a variance, the Board may attach special conditions to ensure that the public welfare will not be damaged. Such conditions must relate reasonably to the purpose and intent of the Ordinance. Also, any variance granted should provide only the minimum relief necessary to allow reasonable use of the property.

3.08 Violations

1. No subdivider or agent of any parcel of land located in a proposed subdivision or land division shall transfer, build upon, divide, convey, record, or officially monument such parcel before a plat of such subdivision or Certified Survey Map has been approved by Waupaca County, as designated, in accordance with this Ordinance, and has been recorded with the Register of Deeds for Waupaca County, Wisconsin.
2. No person, firm, or corporation shall be issued a County Land Use Permit and/or a Town Building Permit authorizing the building on or improvement of any subdivision, minor subdivision, replat, or condominium development within the jurisdiction of this Ordinance and not of record as of the effective date of this Ordinance until the provision and requirements of this Ordinance have been fully met.
3. The County may institute appropriate action or proceedings to enjoin violations of this Ordinance or the applicable Wisconsin Statutes.

3.09 Penalties

Any person, firm, or corporation that fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof forfeit not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and the cost of prosecution for each violation and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until payment thereof for a period not to exceed six (6) months. Each day a violation exists or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

1. **Recordation** improperly made has penalties provided in Section 236.30, Wisconsin Statutes.
2. **Conveyance** of lots in unrecorded plats has penalties as provided for in Section 236.31, Wisconsin Statutes.
3. **Monuments** disturbed or not placed have penalties as provided for in Section 236.32, Wisconsin Statutes.
4. **Assessor's Plat** made under Section 70.27, Wisconsin Statutes, may be ordered by the County when a subdivision is created by successive divisions.

3.10 Appeals and Modifications of Regulations

Any person that believes an error in any order, requirement, or determination was made with regard to this Ordinance shall follow the appeals process as described in Section 14.04.2 of the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance.

4.0 Preliminary Plat Approval Procedure

4.01 Preliminary Consultation

1. Before filing an application for approval of a Preliminary Plat or land division, the subdivider should consult the Planning & Zoning Director for advice and assistance. This step is strongly recommended, and a sketch plan of the proposed subdivision should be provided for preliminary consultation.

2. The intent of the preliminary consultation is to allow for the subdivider to become familiar with the submittal requirements of this Ordinance, adopted Regional and County Comprehensive Plans, or adopted plan components, and duly adopted plan implementation ordinances of the County and to otherwise assist the subdivider in planning his development. In so doing, the subdivider will gain a better understanding of the subsequent required procedures. Additionally, it is intended that both the subdivider and the planning staff may reach mutual conclusions regarding the proposed subdivision prior to the expenditure of significant engineering and surveying resources.
3. A sketch plan of the proposed subdivision or land division and contiguous land within two hundred (200) feet of the proposed borders drawn on a topographic survey map should be submitted. The sketch plan should identify property boundaries, proposed roads, total acreage of plat, number of proposed lots, and general lot layout showing proposed lot widths and depths in accordance with relative zoning regulations; and any proposed dedications or easements; slopes exceeding twelve percent (12%); general conditions, including wetlands, floodplains, erosion hazard areas, drainageways, rock outcroppings, and vegetation; proposed filling, grading, lagooning, or dredging, existing and proposed zoning; and a sketch of all contiguous property owned or controlled by the subdivider.
4. Within twenty (20) days following the submittal of a complete sketch plan, the Planning & Zoning Director shall provide written comments informing the subdivider of any comments, concerns and/or suggestions regarding the plan. The comments provided by Planning & Zoning Director shall not be binding upon the subdivider except for items related to the requirements of this Ordinance and other applicable laws.
5. Consultation with Planning and Zoning Committee: At the discretion of the Planning & Zoning Director, the sketch plan may, depending on conditions, need additional review by the Planning and Zoning Committee prior to preliminary plat or land division submittal. If so directed by the Planning & Zoning Director, the subdivider shall file a request for a consultation with the Planning and Zoning Committee. This request must be filed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting at which it will be discussed. Within two (2) days after receiving such a request, the Planning & Zoning Director shall notify the subdivider and the applicable Town Clerk of the date, time and place of this meeting. The subdivider shall then provide eight (8) copies of the sketch plan with six (6) copies to the Planning and Zoning Committee and two (2) copies to the applicable Town Clerk.

4.02 Preliminary Plat Review

Before submitting a Final Plat for approval, the subdivider shall prepare a Preliminary Plat in accordance with Section 5.0 of this Ordinance. The subdivider shall file the required number of copies of the Preliminary Plat as outlined in Section 4.02.1 and a letter of application with the Planning & Zoning Director at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee at which action is desired. The letter of application must indicate that copies of the plat are on file with the utility companies having jurisdiction over the subject area so that adequate provisions can be

made by the utility companies to serve the proposed subdivision. Submittal shall be in accordance with the following:

1. **The subdivider or their agent** shall, within two (2) days after filing, transmit copies of the Plat to the following agencies:
 - (a) **Six (6) copies** to the Planning and Zoning Committee (approving authority).
 - (b) **One (1) copy** of all plats abutting or adjoining county roads shall be submitted to the County Highway Engineer (reviewing authority) for review and recommendations with regard to access safety and design standards set forth in this Code.
 - (c) **Two (2) copies** to the applicable Town Clerk (approving authority).
 - (d) **Two (2) copies** to the clerk of an adjoining city or village (objecting authority) if the subdivision lies within the extra-territorial plat approval jurisdiction of the city or village.
 - (e) **Two (2) copies** to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (objecting authority).
 - (f) **Two (2) copies** to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (objecting authority), if the subdivision abuts or adjoins a State trunk highway or connecting street.
 - (g) **Two (2) copies** to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (advisory authority), if the subdivision is within the Shoreland Jurisdictional Area.

2. Alternate Procedure: In accordance with Section 236.12(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the subdivider or his agent may submit the original drawing of the Preliminary Plat directly to the Wisconsin Department of Administration who will prepare and forward copies of the original Plat to each of the State agencies required to review it. When this procedure is used, it shall be the responsibility of the subdivider or his agent to submit copies of the Plat to the approving and reviewing agencies as specified in Section 4.02.1 of this Ordinance.

4.03 Preliminary Plat Approval

The objecting agencies, within twenty (20) days of the date of receiving their copies of the Preliminary Plat, shall notify the subdivider and all other approving and objecting agencies of any objections. If there are no objections, the objecting agencies shall so certify on the face of a copy of the Plat and shall return that copy to the Planning and Zoning Committee. If an objecting agency fails to act within twenty (20) days, it shall be deemed to have no objections to the Plat. However, when the Plat is submitted under the alternate procedure listed in Section 4.02.2, the Plat Review Program, Wisconsin Department of Administration shall have thirty (30) days in which to object to the Plat.

1. **The Planning & Zoning Director** shall inform the applicable Town Clerk not less than twenty (20) days in advance of the date, time and place of the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting at which the Plat will be reviewed. Upon completion of the application, review requirements, and required public notice as specified in Section 14 of the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance, any interested person may submit written comments to the Planning & Zoning Director regarding that application. Written comments received by the Planning & Zoning Director shall be

forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Committee along with the recommendations of other agencies.

2. **The Planning and Zoning Committee** shall review the Plat for conformance with this Ordinance and all other ordinances, rules, regulations and adopted Regional and County Comprehensive Plans or adopted plan components which affect the Plat, as outlined in Section 3.03 of this Ordinance.
3. **The Planning and Zoning Committee** within sixty (60) days of the date of filing of a complete Preliminary Plat with the Planning & Zoning Director shall approve, approve conditionally, or reject such Plat unless the time is extended by agreement with the subdivider. One (1) copy of the Plat shall thereupon be returned to the subdivider with the date and action endorsed thereon; and if approved conditionally or rejected, a letter setting forth the conditions of approval or the reasons for rejections shall accompany the Plat. One (1) copy of the Plat and letter shall be placed in the Planning and Zoning Committee's permanent file.
4. **Failure** of the Planning and Zoning Committee to act within sixty (60) days of the filing date shall constitute an approval unless the time is extended by agreement with the subdivider.
5. **Approval or Conditional Approval of a Preliminary Plat** shall not constitute automatic approval of the Final Plat, except that if the Final Plat is submitted within thirty-six (36) months of Preliminary Plat Approval and conforms substantially to the Preliminary Plat layout as indicated in Section 236.11(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes, the Final Plat shall be entitled to approval with respect to such layout.

4.04 Final Plat Review

The subdivider shall prepare a Final Plat in accordance with Section 6.0 of this Ordinance and shall file the required number of copies of the Final Plat as outlined in Section 4.02.1 and a letter of application with the Planning & Zoning Director at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee at which action is desired. In addition to the required paper copies, an electronic submittal of the Final Plat in original format to the County is encouraged. Planning & Zoning Director shall examine the final plat and all necessary certificates as to its conformance with the approved preliminary plat, including any conditions of approval of the preliminary plat and all applicable county ordinances, rules, regulations, and adopted County Comprehensive Plans, or adopted plan components that may affect the plat.

1. **The Subdivider or Their Agent:** shall, within two (2) days after filing, transmit copies of the Plat to the agencies identified in Section 4.02.1 of this Ordinance which are required to review the Plat.
2. **Alternate Procedure:** The subdivider or his agent may submit the original drawing of the Final Plat directly to the Wisconsin Department of Administration as provided in Section 4.02.2 of this Ordinance.
3. **Partial Platting:** The Final Plat, if permitted by the Planning and Zoning Committee, may constitute only that portion of the approved Preliminary Plat which the subdivider proposes to record at that time.

4.05 Final Plat Approval

The objecting agencies, within twenty (20) days of the date of receiving their copies of the Final Plat, shall notify the subdivider and all other approving and objecting agencies of any objections. If there are no objections, the objecting parties shall so certify on the face of a copy of the Plat and shall return that copy to the Planning and Zoning Committee. If an objecting agency fails to act within twenty (20) days, it shall be deemed to have no objection to the Plat. However, when the Plat is submitted under the alternate procedure listed in Section 4.04.2, the Wisconsin Department of Administration shall have thirty (30) days in which to object to the Plat.

1. **The Planning & Zoning Director** shall inform the applicable Town Clerk not less than twenty (20) days in advance of the date, time and place of the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting at which the Plat will be reviewed.
2. **The Planning and Zoning Committee** shall examine the Final Plat as to its conformance with the approved Preliminary Plat; any conditions of approval of the Preliminary Plat; this Ordinance and all ordinances, rules, regulations and adopted Regional and County Comprehensive Plans or adopted plan components which may affect the Plat.
3. **The Planning and Zoning Committee** within sixty (60) days of the date of filing of the Final Plat with the Planning & Zoning Director, shall approve, approve conditionally, or reject the Plat unless the time is extended by agreement with the subdivider. If the Plat is rejected, the reasons shall be stated in the minutes of the meeting, and a written statement of the reasons forwarded to the subdivider. If the Plat is approved, the Planning and Zoning Committee shall not inscribe its approval on the face of the original Final Plat until the Planning & Zoning Director certifies on the face of the original Final Plat that no objections have been filed within twenty (20) days or, if filed, have been satisfied. If the Plat was submitted under the alternate procedure outlined in Section 4.02.2 of this Ordinance, certification of no objections on the face of the Final Plat shall be signed by the Wisconsin Department of Administration rather than the Planning & Zoning Director.
4. **Failure of the Planning and Zoning Committee** to act within sixty (60) days, the time having not been extended and no unsatisfied objections having been filed, the Plat shall be deemed approved.

4.06 Recordation

After the Final Plat has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee, the Town Board and any other approving agencies, the subdivider shall record the Plat with the Register of Deeds in accordance with Section 236.25 of the Wisconsin Statutes. If the subdivider fails to record the final plat within twelve (12) months of final approval and thirty-six (36) months of preliminary approval, the Planning and Zoning Committee's approval will lapse, in which case the final plat approval process must be repeated prior to recording of the final plat.

4.07 Replat

When a replat of a recorded subdivision or part thereof is proposed so the boundaries are to be changed and/or areas to be dedicated to the public are to be altered, the subdivider shall initiate action to vacate or alter the recorded plat as provided by Wis. Stat. §§ 236.36 through 236.44. Both the title of the replat and the title of the original plat shall appear in the surveyor's certification. The subdivider, or person desiring to replat, shall then proceed as specified in Sections 4.01 through 4.06 of this Ordinance.

4.08 Condominium Plats

A Condominium Plat prepared by a land surveyor registered in Wisconsin is required for all Condominium Plats or any amendments or expansions thereof. Such plat shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Section 703.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Condominium plats shall be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Director to ensure compliance with this Ordinance as well as with the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance.

1. **Zoning.** Land divided for the establishment of a condominium plat shall meet the requirements of the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance or the applicable Town Zoning Ordinance in independently zoned towns.
2. **Submittal.** A condominium plat shall be submitted to the Waupaca County Planning & Zoning Director for review and approval pursuant to Section 703.115 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
3. **Units.** All units shall be fully described as provided within Section 703.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Units within multi-unit or multi-story structures shall be shown and described on the plat.
4. **Approval.** As a condition of approval of a condominium plat, the County shall consider all provisions outline in Section 703.115 prior to granting approval for the recording of the instruments specified. The County shall have ten (10) working days after submission for its review. If the review is not completed within ten (10) working days, the instrument is approved for recording.

4.09 Minor Subdivision

When it is proposed to divide land into not more than four (4) parcels or building sites inclusive of the original parent parcel, any one (1) of which is twenty (20) acres or less in size; or the division of a block, lot, or outlot within a recorded subdivision plat into not more than four (4) parcels or building sites, inclusive of the original parent parcel, without changing the exterior boundaries of said block or outlot, the subdivider shall subdivide by use of a Certified Survey Map prepared in accordance with Section 7.0 of this Ordinance and shall file a copy of the Map with the Planning & Zoning Director. In addition to the required paper copy, an electronic submittal of the preliminary map in original format to the County is encouraged.

1. **County Review:** The Planning & Zoning Director or his/her designee shall review the Map for conformance with this Ordinance and all ordinances, accuracy standards as set forth in Chapter 236 of the Wisconsin Statutes, rules, regulations and adopted Regional and County Comprehensive Plans or adopted plan components which affect the map. The Planning & Zoning Director shall, within

forty-five (45) days from the date of filing of the Map, approve, approve conditionally, or reject the Map unless continued by agreement with the subdivider. If the Map is rejected, the reason shall be provided in writing to the subdivider. If the Map is approved, the Planning & Zoning Director shall so certify on the face of the original Map and return the Map to the subdivider. At the discretion of the Planning & Zoning Director, the Map may, depending on conditions, need additional review by the Planning and Zoning Committee. If so directed by the Planning & Zoning Director, the Planning and Zoning Committee shall review the map in accordance with and within the timeline established in this section. If the map is rejected by the Planning and Zoning Committee, the reason shall be stated in the minutes of the meeting and a written statement forwarded to the subdivider.

2. **Town Board Approval:** The Town Board shall also approve the Certified Survey Map.
3. **Recordation:** The subdivider shall record the Map with the Register of Deeds within six (6) months of its approval by the Planning & Zoning Director or Planning and Zoning Committee. Failure to do so will necessitate re-approval of the Map by the Planning & Zoning Director or Planning and Zoning Committee.

5.0 Preliminary Plat

5.01 General Requirements

A Preliminary Plat shall be required for all subdivisions and shall be based upon a survey by a professional land surveyor, and the Plat shall be prepared on reproducible material at a scale of not more than one hundred (100) feet to the inch and shall show correctly on its face the following information:

1. The words “**Preliminary Plat**” clearly marked.
2. **Title** under which the proposed subdivision is to be recorded.
3. **Legal Description and General** location of proposed subdivision and relative location to a nearby municipality.
4. **Date, Scale and North Arrow.**
5. **Names and Addresses** of the owner, subdivider and land surveyor preparing the plat.
6. **Small Scale Drawing** of the section or region in which the subdivision lies with the location of the subdivision indicated thereon.
7. **Entire Area** contiguous to the proposed plat owned or controlled by the subdivider included on the Preliminary Plat even though only a portion of said area is proposed for immediate development. The Planning & Zoning Director may waive this requirement where it is unnecessary to fulfill the purposes and intent of this Ordinance and undue hardship would result from strict application thereof.
8. **Description of the boundary** of the proposed land division shown by the previously recorded deed.
9. **Approximate Length and Bearing** of the exterior boundaries of the proposed subdivision referenced to two (2) corners established in the U.S. Public Land Survey and the total acreage encompassed thereby.
10. **Topographic Features including contours** at vertical intervals of not more than two (2) feet where the slope of the ground surface is less than twelve percent (12%)

and of not more than five (5) feet where the slope of the ground surface is twelve percent (12%) or more. Areas with slopes greater than twelve percent (12%) shall be noted. Elevations shall be marked on such contours based on mean sea level datum or where, in the judgment of the Planning and Zoning Committee, undue hardship would result because of the remoteness of the parcel from a mean sea level reference elevation, another datum may be used.

11. **Water Elevations and Locations** of all lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, watercourses and drainage ditches at the date of the survey, and approximate high and low water elevation, all referred to the same datum used for the contours.
12. **Location, Right-of-Way Width and Names** of all existing and proposed streets, alleys or other public ways, easements, railroad and utility rights-of-way and all section and quarter section lines within the exterior boundaries of the plat or immediately adjacent thereto.
13. **Location and Names of Any Adjacent Subdivisions**, parks, schools and cemeteries, and owners of record of abutting unplatted lands.
14. **Type, Width and Elevation** of any existing street pavements within the exterior boundaries of the plat or immediately adjacent thereto together with any legally established centerline elevations, all to the datum used for the contours.
15. **Location, Size and Invert Elevation** of any existing sanitary or storm sewers, culverts and drainpipes, the location of manholes, catch basins, hydrants, power and telephone poles, and the location and size of any existing water and gas mains within the exterior boundaries of the plat or immediately adjacent thereto. If no sewers or water mains are located on or immediately adjacent to the tract, the nearest such sewers or water mains which might be extended to serve the tract shall be indicated by their direction and distance from the tract, size and invert elevations.
16. **Location of Proposed** power, sewer and water improvement and easements. Existing water well locations and associated well setback areas shall be shown on the map.
17. **Existing Zoning and Proposed Use** on and adjacent to the proposed subdivision.
18. **Corporate Limits Lines** within one hundred (100) feet of the exterior boundaries of the plat.
19. **Locations of All Existing Property Boundary Lines**, structures, drives, paved areas, pathways, wells, existing onsite sewage treatment or disposal facilities, wetlands, floodplains, seasonally wet areas, rock outcrops, wooded areas, railroad tracks and other similar significant features within the plat or immediately adjacent thereto.
20. **Approximate Dimensions and Area of All Lots** together with proposed lot and block numbers.
21. **Location, Approximate Dimensions, and Area** of any sites to be reserved or dedicated for parks, playgrounds, drainage ways, or other public use, or which are to be used for multi-family housing, shopping centers, church sites, or other nonpublic uses not requiring plotting.
22. **Location, Approximate Dimensions, and Area** of any proposed common area or facilities.
23. **Approximate Radii** of all curves.

24. **Any Proposed Lake and Stream Access** with a small drawing clearly indicating the location of the proposed subdivision in relation to the access.
25. **Any Proposed Lake and Stream Improvement** or relocation, and proposed filling, grading, lagooning and dredging and notice of application for Division of Resource Development, Department of Natural Resources approval when applicable.
26. **The statement**, “Please refer to the Waupaca County Density Management Tracking System maintained by the Waupaca County Planning & Zoning Office (811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI) for current information on available residential development rights on this/these parcels.”
27. **Description of Permanent Stormwater Management** and construction erosion control measures prepared in conformance with NR 115.
28. **Any Additional Information** as requested by the Planning & Zoning Director or the Planning and Zoning Committee.
29. **Phasing Plan**, if the land division is to be developed in phases, the preliminary plat shall generally outline such phases. Such identification of phases shall not preclude the subdivider from modifying the phases following preliminary land division approval pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Ordinance.

5.02 Street Plans and Profiles

The subdivider shall provide street plans and profiles showing existing ground surface, proposed and established street grades, including extensions for a reasonable distance beyond the limits of the proposed subdivision when requested by the Planning & Zoning Director. All elevations, plans and profiles shall meet with the Planning & Zoning Director’s approval.

5.03 Testing

In order to determine the suitability of specific areas for the construction of buildings, roadways, and onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, the Planning & Zoning Director may require that borings and soundings be made in designated areas to ascertain subsurface soil, rock and water conditions, including depth to bedrock and depth to ground water table. Where the subdivision will not be served by public sanitary sewer service, it shall be in compliance with the provisions of Chapters SPS 383 and 385, Wisconsin Administrative Code and the Sanitary Ordinance; and the appropriate data shall be submitted with the Preliminary Plat.

5.04 Covenants

The Planning and Zoning Committee may require submission of a draft of homeowner or condominium owner declarations or protective covenants whereby the subdivider intends to regulate land use in the proposed subdivision and otherwise protect the proposed development.

5.05 Affidavit

The surveyor preparing the Preliminary Plat shall certify on the face of the Plat that it is a correct representation of all existing land divisions and features, and that the Plat has fully complied with the provisions of this Ordinance.

6.0 Final Plat

6.01 General Requirements

A Final Plat prepared by a professional land surveyor shall be required for all subdivisions. It shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Section 236.20, Wisconsin Statutes. In addition to the information required by Section 236.20, Wisconsin Statutes, the Final Plat shall show correctly on its face, the following:

1. **Exact street width** along the line of any obliquely intersecting street.
2. **Setbacks** or building lines when deemed necessary by the Planning and Zoning Committee or a plat note stating, "For building setback information contact the Waupaca County Planning & Zoning Office." See Section 8.08 of this Ordinance.
3. **Floodway and floodplain boundaries** where applicable.
4. **All land reserved** for future public acquisition or reserved for the common use of property owners within the Plat. If common property is located within the Plat, then provisions for its use and maintenance must also be provided with the Plat.
5. **Special restrictions** required by any approving or objecting agency relating to access control along public ways or to the provision of planting strips.
6. **The statement**, "Please refer to the Waupaca County Density Management Tracking System maintained by the Waupaca County Planning & Zoning Office (811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI) for current information on available residential development rights on this/these parcels."
7. **Owner's Certificate**, prepared in conformance with Section 236 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
8. **Dedications** of land to the public or to the lot owners shall be clearly indicated on the face of the final plat for drainage ways, road right-of-ways, fire protection facilities, recreation and open space areas, and school sites.
9. **Signature block** for the Planning & Zoning Director and statement as follows, "This final land division is consistent with preliminary approval, all conditions imposed thereof have been met, and the land division conforms to all applicable Waupaca County land use controls."
10. **Signature block** for the Chair of the local municipality and statement as follows, "This final land division conforms to all applicable Town land use controls."
11. **Signature block** for the agency of legal jurisdiction verifying that all new improvements have been constructed in conformance with plans and specifications approved by the legal jurisdiction, if the land division includes any lands dedicated for public use.
12. **Signature block** for the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee.
13. **Signature block** for the County Treasurer and the following statement; "All taxes and special assessments for which the land within the land division may be liable have been duly paid."

14. **Allocation of residential development rights**, indicated by the subdivider on the face of the Subdivision Plat as to how many residential development rights are assigned to each parcel.
15. **Any additional information** as requested by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

6.02 Deed Restrictions

Any deed restrictions attached to the subdivision shall be filed with or placed on the face of the Final Plat.

6.03 Surveying and Monumenting

All Final Plats shall meet all the surveying and monumenting requirements of Section 236.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

6.04 Coordinate System

Where the Plat is located within a quarter section, the corners of which have been relocated, monumented and coordinated, the Plat shall be tied directly to two (2) of the section or quarter corners so relocated, monumented and coordinated. The exact grid bearing and distance of such tie shall be determined by field measurements, and the material of the monument marking the relocated section or quarter corner to which the Plat is tied shall be indicated on the Plat. Use of the Waupaca County Coordinate System is encouraged. If the Plat provides county monument coordinates, then these shall be accurate to four (4) decimal places.

6.05 Certificates

All Final Plats shall provide all the certificates required by Section 236.21, Wisconsin Statutes; and, in addition, the surveyor shall certify that he has fully complied with all the provisions of this Ordinance.

7.0 Certified Survey Map

7.01 General Requirements

A Certified Survey Map prepared by a professional land surveyor shall be required for all minor subdivisions. It shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Section 236.34, Wisconsin Statutes. In addition to the information required in Section 236.34, Wisconsin Statutes, the Map shall show correctly on its face, the following:

1. **Date, Scale, and North Arrow.**
2. **Name and Address** of the owner, subdivider and the surveyor, including his registration number.
3. **Size of the parcels** being created in square feet.
4. **Floodplain**, shoreland, or wetland boundaries.
5. **All Existing Structures**, watercourses, easements, and other similar significant features pertinent to proper land division.
6. **Setback Note** shall be depicted on the Certified Survey Map, "For building setbacks, contact the Waupaca County Planning and Zoning Office."

7. **Setback distances** on any new land divisions must be shown on the map to any existing structures to the new parcel line.
8. **Setbacks to Highways** shall be measured in accordance with Sec. 2.08(1) of the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance.
9. **All Land Reserved** for dedication or future acquisition including dimensions and areas.
10. **Location and Names** of any adjoining streets, highways, subdivision, parks, cemeteries, public lands, and watercourses.
11. **Exact Right-of-Way Width** along the line of any obliquely intersecting street unless the right-of-way varies.
12. **Notations or Any Restrictions** required by the Planning & Zoning Director or Planning and Zoning Committee or other approving or objecting authority relative to access control along any public ways within or adjacent to the proposed Certified Survey Map; or provisions for the protection of any environmentally significant lands within the boundaries of the proposed Certified Survey Map.
13. **The statement**, “Please refer to the Waupaca County Density Management Tracking System maintained by the Waupaca County Planning & Zoning Office (811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI) for current information on available residential development rights on this/these parcels.”
14. **The purpose of an outlot** must be defined on the Certified Survey Map, as defined in Sec. 2.02(55).
15. **Access easements** must be defined on the Certified Survey Map and by accompanied Deed or by a separate recorded document as required by Section 8.09(3).
16. **Owner’s Certificate** prepared in conformance with Section 236 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
17. **Signature block** for the Planning & Zoning Director and statement as follows, “This final land division is consistent with preliminary approval; all conditions imposed thereof have been met; and the land division conforms to all applicable Waupaca County land use controls.”
18. **Signature block** for the Chair of the local municipality and statement as follows. “This final land division conforms to all applicable Town land use controls.”
19. **Signature block** for the County Treasurer to sign stating taxes have been paid on the property. Delinquent taxes must be paid prior to approval of the land division.
20. **Any Additional Information** as requested by the Planning & Zoning Director or Planning and Zoning Committee.

7.02 Lots Not Served by Approved Sanitary Sewer Systems

If the lots being created will not be served by an approved sanitary sewer system, soil evaluations may be required to be submitted for approval by the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) Inspector. The soil evaluations shall be performed in accordance with Chapters SPS 383 and 385 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and shall meet the requirements of the Sanitary Ordinance.

7.03 Coordinate System

Where the Certified Survey Map is located within a quarter section, the corners of which have been relocated, monumented and coordinated, the Certified Survey Map shall be tied directly to two (2) of the section or quarter corners so relocated, monumented and coordinated. The exact grid bearing and distance of such tie shall be determined by field measurements, and the material of the monument marking the relocated section or quarter corner to which the Plat is tied shall be indicated on the Certified Survey Map. Use of the Waupaca County Coordinate System is encouraged. If the Plat provides County monument coordinates, then these shall be accurate to four (4) decimal places.

7.04 Certificates

The surveyor shall certify on the face of the Map that he has fully complied with all the provisions of this Ordinance.

1. **Dedication** of streets and other public areas shall require the owner's and mortgagee's certificate in substantially the same form as required by Section 236.21(2) and 236.34(1)(e) Wisconsin Statutes and the approval of the Town Board.

7.05 Recordation

The Certified Survey Map shall be recorded with the Register of Deeds only after all required certificates are placed on the face of the Map.

8.0 Design Standards

8.01 Design Standards

All applications shall comply with the minimum standards and improvement requirements set forth in this Ordinance. Those lots within a development that are to be utilized for common areas, agriculture, open space, resource protection, or nonresidential or commercial development, for example, are not subject to these standards. The land divider shall demonstrate compliance with design standards during preliminary review and approval. All required improvements shall be installed or bonded for prior to final approval. The improvement standards set forth by this Chapter shall be consistent with the goals and policies set forth in the Waupaca County Comprehensive Plan for public services and facilities, which shall be specifically conditioned at the time of preliminary approval.

8.02 Street Arrangement

The subdivider shall dedicate land for and improve streets as provided herein. Streets shall conform to any applicable official map ordinance in effect. In areas for which an official map has not been completed, the street layout shall recognize the functional classification of various street types and shall be developed and located in proper relation to existing and proposed streets with due regard to topographical conditions, natural features, utilities, land uses, and public convenience and safety. The subdivision shall be designed so as to provide each lot with satisfactory access to a public street as provided

herein. The following conditions shall apply for street arrangement in all proposed subdivisions:

1. **Arterial Streets** shall be arranged so as to provide ready access to centers of employment, high density residential areas, centers of government activity, community shopping areas, community recreation, and points beyond the boundaries of the community. These streets also shall be properly integrated with and related to the existing and proposed system of major streets and highways and shall be, insofar as is practicable, continuous and in alignment with existing or planned streets with which they are to connect.
2. **Collector Streets** shall be arranged so as to provide ready collection of traffic from residential areas and conveyance of this traffic to the major street and highway system and shall be properly related to special traffic generators such as schools, churches and shopping centers and other concentrations of population and to the major streets into which they feed.
3. **Minor Streets** shall be arranged to conform to the topography, to discourage use by through traffic, to permit the design of efficient storm and sanitary sewerage systems, and to require the minimum street area necessary to provide safe and convenient access to abutting property.
4. **Proposed Streets** shall extend to the boundary lines of the tract being subdivided unless prevented by topography, environmental constraints, or other physical conditions, or unless, in the opinion of the Town Board or Planning and Zoning Committee, such extension is not necessary or desirable for the coordination of the layout of the land division or condominium or for the advantageous development of adjacent land tracts.
5. **Arterial Street and Highway Protection.** Whenever the proposed land division or condominium contains or is adjacent to an arterial street or highway, adequate protection of residential properties, limitation of access, and separation of through and local traffic shall be provided by reversed frontage, with screen planting contained in a non-access reservation along the rear property line, or by the use of frontage streets.
6. **Stream or Lake Shores** shall have one hundred (100) feet of public access platted to the low water mark at intervals of not more than one half (1/2) mile as required by Section 3.05.3 of this Ordinance.
7. **Reserve Strips** controlling access to streets or alleys shall be prohibited except where their control is definitely placed with the Town or County.
8. **Alleys** may be required in commercial and industrial districts to provide for off-street loading and service access, but shall not be approved in residential districts unless required by unusual topography or other exceptional conditions. Dead-end alleys shall not be approved, and alleys shall not connect to a Federal, State, or County Trunk highway.
9. **Street Names** shall not duplicate or be similar to existing street names, and existing street names shall be projected or continued wherever possible.
10. **Access to a Land Division** shall be by legal, nonexclusive vehicular access rights to public streets.
11. **Newly Created Roads** and any widened right-of-way, whether a recorded or unrecorded road, shall be surveyed by a professional land surveyor as a right-of-way

plat and shall be approved by the Town(s) in which it lies and the Planning & Zoning Director. When a survey is conducted adjacent to an existing Town Road and there is no record of a right-of-way width, a right-of-way shall be dedicated for the entire parcel. This may be done on the parcel survey or on an accompanying survey. A certificate of dedication shall be signed by the Town Board prior to approval of the subdivision or Certified Survey Map.

8.03 Land Division Access

Access shall be provided in conformance with Chapter 33 – Access Driveways of the Waupaca County Code of Ordinances.

8.04 Street Design Standards

1. **The Minimum Right-of-Way** of all proposed streets shall be as specified on any applicable street plan officially adopted by the County; or, if no width is specified, the minimum right-of-way width shall be as follows:
 - (a) Arterial Streets: 120 feet
 - (b) Collector Streets: 80 feet
 - (c) Minor Streets: 66 feet
 - (d) Frontage Streets: 66 feet
2. **Minimum Roadway Width and Surface Width** of all new subdivision roads shall comply with the Town Road Standards contained in Section 82.50 of the Wisconsin Statutes unless locally adopted Town Road Standards require a different width and cross-section design.
3. **Cul-de-Sac Streets** shall be limited to portions of development which due to unusual shape, size, location or topography, floodplain, wetland, or other condition may be better served by cul-de-sacs rather than continuous streets. A layout making unrestricted use of cul-de-sacs is prohibited. Such streets shall terminate in a circular turn around having a minimum right-of-way radius of sixty (60) feet and a minimum roadway radius of forty-five (45) feet.
4. **Temporary Termination** of streets intended to be extended at a later date shall be accomplished with the construction of a temporary turnaround of one hundred twenty (120) feet right of way diameter and a roadway of not less than ninety (90) feet in diameter.
5. **Street Grades:** Unless necessitated by exceptional topography subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee, the maximum centerline gradient of any street or public way shall not exceed the following:
 - a. Arterial Streets: six percent 6 %
 - b. Collector Streets: eight percent 8 %
 - c. Minor Streets, Alleys and Frontage Streets: ten percent 10 %
 - d. Pedestrian Way: twelve percent 12 %
 - e. The gradient of any street shall in no case exceed twelve percent (12%) or be less than one-half of one percent (½%).
6. **Street Grades** shall be established wherever practicable so as to avoid excessive grading and removal of ground cover and tree growth and general leveling of the topography. The length of curve required for the vertical grade changes at the street

centerline is dependent on the design speed and percent of algebraic difference in the intersecting grades. The following information shall be used in the design of vertical curves:

- (a) Maximum Change in Grade without a Vertical Curve, From the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Facilities Development Manual.
 - (b) Design Controls on Crest Vertical Curves, From AASHTO's A Policy of Geometric Design of Highways and Streets
 - (c) Design Controls on Sag Vertical Curves, From AASHTO's A Policy of Geometric Design of Highways and Streets
7. **Radii of Curvature.** When a continuous street centerline deflects at any one point by more than ten (10) degrees, a circular curve shall be introduced having a radius of curvature on said centerline of not less than the following:
- (a) Arterial Streets: 500 feet
 - (b) Collector Streets: 300 feet
 - (c) Minor Streets: 100 feet
8. **A Tangent** at least one hundred (100) feet in length shall be provided between reverse curves on arterial and collector streets.
9. **Half-Streets** shall be prohibited except where:
- (a) The other half has already been dedicated.
 - (b) Its alignment is shown on an officially adopted street plan.

8.05 Street Intersections

Streets shall intersect each other as nearly as possible at right angles, and not more than two (2) streets shall intersect at one point unless approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee.

1. **Number of Intersections** along arterial streets and highways shall be held to a minimum. Wherever practicable the distance between such intersections should not be less than one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet.
2. **Property Lines at Street Intersections** shall be rounded with a minimum radius of fifteen (15) feet or a greater radius when required by the Planning and Zoning Committee.
3. **Street Jogs** with centerline offsets of less than three hundred (300) feet shall not be approved.

8.06 Blocks

The widths, lengths, and shapes of blocks shall be suited to the planned use of the land, zoning requirements, need for convenient access, control and safety of street traffic, and the limitations and opportunities of topography.

1. **Length.** Blocks in residential areas should not as a general rule be less than seven hundred (750) feet nor more than one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet in length unless otherwise dictated by exceptional topography or other limiting factors.
2. **Pedestrian Ways** of not less than ten (10) feet in width may be required near the center and entirely across any block over nine hundred (900) feet in length where deemed essential by the Planning and Zoning Committee or the Town Board to

provide adequate pedestrian circulation or access to schools, shopping centers, churches, or transportation facilities.

3. **Width.** Blocks shall have sufficient width to provide for two (2) tiers of lots of appropriate depth except where otherwise required to separate residential development from through traffic or where lots abut a lake or stream. Width of lots or parcels reserved or laid out for commercial or industrial use shall be adequate to provide for off-street service and parking required by the contemplated use and the area zoning provisions for such use.

8.07 Lots

The size, shape, and orientation of lots shall be appropriate for the location of the subdivision and for the type of development and contemplated use. The lots should be designed to provide an aesthetically pleasing building site and a proper architectural setting for the building contemplated.

1. **Side Lot Lines** should be at right angles to straight street lines or radial to curved street lines on which the lots face. Lot lines shall follow municipal boundary lines rather than cross them.
2. **Double Frontage and Reversed Frontage Lots** shall be prohibited except where necessary to provide separation of residential development from through traffic or to overcome specific disadvantages of topography and orientation.
3. **Access.** For access servicing one (1) to four (4) lots, every lot shall front or abut on a public road for a distance of at least thirty-three (33) feet owned or by easement [as required in Sec. 8.09(3)], except lots located on a curved street or cul-de-sac which shall front or abut on a road for a distance of at least thirty (30) feet. Each lot shall have legal nonexclusive vehicular access to a public street. An access servicing five (5) existing principal structures or servicing five (5) or more lots would be defined as a Subdivision as described in Section 2.02(69) or brought up to Town road standards as required by Section 82.50, Wisconsin Statutes. This requirement may be waived with Town Board approval. ~~These roads will hereby be designated as a Level III Highway.~~
4. **Area and Dimensions** shall conform to the requirements of the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance. Lots shall contain sufficient area to permit compliance with all required setbacks, including those set forth in the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance and those that may be required to meet the requirements of Chapter Trans 233 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. Whenever a tract is subdivided into parcels with areas in excess of the zoning requirements, such parcels should be arranged and dimensioned so as to allow resubdivision of any such parcels into normal lots in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. Buildable lots that will not be served by a public sanitary sewerage system shall be of sufficient size to permit the use of a private onsite wastewater treatment system designed in accordance with Chapters SPS 383 and 385 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.
5. **Maximum Lot Sizes** shall only pertain to the parcel(s) being created by Certified Survey Map and does not include the remnant parcel. In the event of combining parcels or a sale/exchange, maximum lot size shall not apply. Maximum lot sizes

are defined through Town developed overlays which are referenced in Section 8.02 in the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance.

6. **Minimum Lot Sizes** shall be measured exclusive of the road right-of-way, as defined in Sec. 2.02(40).
7. **Depth of Lots** should be designed with a suitable proportion between width and depth. The lot width to depth ratio shall be 1:3 (0.33); in other words no lot depth shall be greater than three (3) times the width, with the following exceptions:
 - a. A strip of land for access purposes only with a minimum width of thirty-three (33) feet and a maximum width of sixty-six (66) feet. This access is required to be an outlot and must be stated on the Certified Survey Map that it is to be used for access only.
 - b. Any lot where the narrowest width exceeds three hundred (300) feet.
8. **Width of Lots** shall conform to the requirements of the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance.
9. **Corner Lots** shall be designed with extra width to permit adequate building setback from both streets.
10. **The Shape of Lots** shall be approximately rectangular, with the exception of lots located on a curved street or cul-de-sac.
11. **Lands Lying Between the Meander Line** and the water's edge and any otherwise unplattable lands which lie between a proposed subdivision and the water's edge shall be included as part of lots, outlots or public dedications in any plat abutting a lake or stream.
12. **No lots shall be combined or created over township lines.**

8.08 Building Setback Lines

A note stating that building setback lines shall conform to the requirements established in the Zoning Ordinance is required on the face of the Plat or Certified Survey Map.

8.09 Easements

1. **Drainage Easements.** Where a subdivision is traversed by a watercourse, drainageway, or stream, an adequate drainageway or easement may be required to handle stormwater runoff. The location, width, alignment and improvement of such drainageway or easement shall be approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee.
2. **Utility Easements.** All utility lines for electric power and telephone service shall be placed on mid-block easements along rear lot lines whenever carried on overhead poles except where lots abut a lake or stream. All other utility easements shall be located along rear or side lot lines whenever possible.
3. **Access Easements.** Must be defined on the Certified Survey Map and by accompanied Deed or by a separate recorded document as required by Section 8.07(3).

8.10 Natural Resource Protection

Where natural drainage channels, floodplains, wetlands, or other environmentally sensitive areas are encompassed in whole or in part within a proposed land division or condominium, the Planning and Zoning Committee may require that such areas be dedicated or that a restriction be placed on the Plat or Certified Survey Map to protect such resources. The Planning and Zoning Committee may further require that such areas be included in outlots designated on the Plat or Certified Survey Map and restricted from development.

9.0 Required Improvements

9.01 Survey Monuments

The subdivider shall install survey monuments in accordance with the requirements of Section 236.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

9.02 Required Improvements

As outlined by Section 3.06 of this Ordinance, the subdivider is encouraged to enter into a development agreement with the Town agreeing to install all required improvements and shall file with said development agreement a surety bond or other satisfactory security meeting the approval of the Town Attorney as a guarantee that such improvements will be completed by the subdivider or his subcontractors within the time limit established by the Town Board. The Towns may adopt local ordinances requiring the subdivider to install the following improvements or any other improvements the Town deems necessary. All required improvements shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Town.

1. **Grading and Surfacing.** The subdivider shall grade and surface all streets proposed to be dedicated in accordance with the construction standards of the Town. Where no Town construction standards have been adopted, the minimum standards required by the Wisconsin Statutes and Wisconsin Division of Highways for Town roads shall apply. In addition, the subdivider shall finish grade all shoulders and road ditches and shall install all culverts necessary to provide adequate surface drainage for the subdivision. All lots shall also be brought to finish grades as specified in the grading plan.
2. **Stormwater Drainage Facilities.**
 - (a) The Subdivider shall construct stormwater drainage facilities, which may include curb and gutters, catch basins and inlets, storm sewers, road ditches and open channels, as may be required to provide adequate surface drainage for the subdivision.
 - (b) Storm Drainage Facilities, where needed, shall be designed to permit the unimpeded flow of natural watercourses; shall insure the drainage of all points along the line of streets; and shall provide positive drainage away from on-site sewage disposal facilities. In designing storm drainage facilities, special consideration shall be given to protection against shoreland erosion and siltation of surface waters and to prevention of excess water run-off on

adjacent property. The Planning and Zoning Committee or Town Board may require that easements or drainage ways be of widths sufficient to accommodate anticipated stormwater-runoff be provided. All stormwater drainage facilities shall be constructed in accordance with plans and standard specifications approved by the Town Board.

3. **Street Signs.** The subdivider shall install street signs at all intersections that meet the approval of the Town Board.
4. **Sidewalks.** The Town Board may require the subdivider to construct a concrete sidewalk on one (1) side of all frontage streets and on one (1) or both sides of all other streets, in accordance with plans and standard specifications approved by the Town Board. Wider than standard sidewalks may be required by the Town Board in the vicinity of schools, commercial areas, and other places of public assemblage, or where joint pedestrian/bicycle use thereon is deemed desirable; and it may require the construction of sidewalks in locations other than required above if such walks are necessary, in the opinion of the Town Board, for safe and adequate pedestrian or bicycle circulation.
5. **Street Lamps.** The Town Board may require the subdivider to install street lamps along streets proposed to be dedicated in accordance with design, quality, and/or energy efficiency standards approved by the Town Board and deemed to be compatible with the neighborhood. Such lamps shall be placed at each street intersection and at such interior block spacing as may be required by the Town Board.
6. **Street Trees.** The Town Board may require the subdivider to plant at least one (1) tree of an approved species at least six (6) feet in height for each fifty (50) feet of frontage on all streets to be dedicated. Tree plantings shall be completed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by and at such time as directed by the Town Board.

9.03 Lots Not Abutting Public Roads

No Subdivider shall sell any parcel of land if it abuts on a road which has not been accepted as a public road unless the seller informs the purchaser by letter of the fact that the road is not a public road and is not required to be maintained by the Town or County.

9.04 Public Sanitary Sewerage and Private Sewerage Disposal Systems

1. **In Areas** that have a sanitary sewer system in or near the proposed subdivision, the local municipality furnishing such service and the Planning and Zoning Committee shall determine the feasibility of service and the procedures to be followed by the subdivider in joining the system.
2. **If Public Sanitary Sewer Facilities** are not available to the plat at the time of final platting, but will become available within a period of three (3) years from the date of the plat recording, the subdivider shall install or cause to be installed sanitary sewers and sewer laterals to the street lot line and shall cap all laterals. The size, type and installation of all proposed sanitary sewers to be constructed shall be in accordance with plans and standard specifications approved by the local municipality which will furnish such facilities.

- (a) **If Public Sewer Facilities Are Not Available**, the subdivider shall make provision for adequate private sewerage disposal systems as specified by the Wisconsin Administrative Code, Chapters SPS 383 and 385 and the Sanitary Ordinance. Subdividers shall clearly indicate on the face of the plat and in any deed conveyance where private soil absorption fields are not to be used due to soil limitations or other factors.

10.0 Cluster or Conservation Subdivisions

10.01 Purpose

Grouping of residences in cluster or conservation subdivisions will permit individual minimum lot sizes to be reduced provided overall density within the subdivision is maintained. The remaining undeveloped area within the subdivision is to be used to protect natural resources, to provide common open space and to preserve the scenic qualities of the County. Grouping of residences also facilitates common water supply and sewage disposal systems, and the potential for shorter road lengths and other infrastructure efficiencies.

10.02 Requirements

Cluster or Conservation Subdivisions shall be submitted for review and shall follow the provisions of this Ordinance in the same manner as any other subdivision. In addition the following also applies:

1. **Proposed Cluster or Conservation Developments** shall include a minimum of five (5) acres and shall be platted according to the requirements of this Ordinance.
2. **The Maximum permitted number of lots** in such development shall be determined by dividing the total area of the subdivision, excluding streets, by the minimum lot sizes required by the Waupaca County Zoning Ordinance. In condominiums and similar developments, under which no new lots are created, the term "maximum permitted number of dwelling units" shall substitute for the term "maximum permitted number of lots" in the preceding statement.
3. **Lots** shall be located so that:
 - (a) They are grouped together to form clusters and are surrounded by open space.
 - (b) Negative impacts to natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas, including wetlands, floodplains, drainageways, woodlands, and slopes over twelve percent (12%), are minimized.
 - (c) Negative impacts to historic and cultural resources are minimized.
 - (d) Negative impacts to prime agricultural land and large tracts of productive farmland are minimized. The location of lots should avoid interference with normal agricultural practices.
 - (e) Views of open space and natural resources are maximized. Lots should be hidden behind woodlands, hedgerows, and topography when possible. Lots should not be located in prominent, visible places like hilltops and ridgelines.
4. **Open Space shall:**
 - (a) Surround clusters of residential lots and provide a buffer between cluster groups.
 - (b) Be interconnected to other open space both within the plat and beyond. Open space should not be isolated and disconnected.

- (c) Include natural resources, environmentally sensitive areas, and productive agricultural land, when the intent is to preserve the agricultural use to the greatest extent possible.
 - (d) Include all excess land not used for lots and streets.
5. **Ownership of Open Space.** Open space shall be dedicated and restricted as such on the Plat and conveyed in common to each of the owners of lots in the development or dedicated to the County or Town. The County or Town shall not be required to accept dedication. Lands dedicated to the public must be accepted by appropriate action of the governing body of the accepting unit of government. If the land is to be conveyed to owners of lots in the development, a homeowners association or similar legally constituted body shall be created to maintain the open space land.
 6. **Maintenance and Operation of Common Open Space and Facilities** shall be by a plan and narrative for the use, maintenance, and insurance of all common facilities, including provisions for funding, provided to and approved by the Town Board prior to Final Plat or Condominium Plat approval.
 7. **Any Restriction** placed on platted land by covenant, grant of easement, or any other manner which is required by a public body or which names a public body as grantee, promisee, or beneficiary shall vest in the public body the right to enforce the restriction at law or in equity against anyone who has or acquires an interest in the land subject to the restriction.
 8. **Water Supply and Sewage Disposal** shall meet the minimum standards of Chapter SPS 383 and 385 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, the Sanitary Ordinance and other applicable regulations.

11.0 Construction

11.01 Commencement

No construction or installation of improvements shall commence in a proposed land division or condominium development until the Certified Survey Map, Final Plat or Condominium Plat has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee and a development agreement has been executed with the Town.

11.02 Building Permits

No Land Use Permit and/or Building Permit shall be issued for erection of a structure on any lot not of record until all the requirements of this Ordinance have been met.

11.03 Plans

The following plans and accompanying construction specifications may be required by the Town Board before authorization of construction or installation of improvements:

1. **Street Plans and Profiles** showing existing and proposed grades, elevations and cross sections of required improvements.
2. **Sanitary Sewer Plans** and profiles showing the locations, grades, sizes, elevations and materials of required facilities.

3. **Storm Sewer or Drainage Plans** and profiles showing the locations, grades, sizes, cross sections, elevations and materials of required facilities.
4. **Water Main Plans** and profiles showing the locations, sizes, elevations and materials of required facilities.
5. **Grading Plans** showing existing and proposed topographic contours, proposed top of building foundation and finished yard grade elevations.
6. **Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plans** showing those structures necessary to retard the rate of runoff water and those measures and practices that will minimize erosion and sedimentation.
7. **Planting Plans** showing the locations, size and species of any required street trees, other proposed or required planting, vegetation to be removed, and vegetation to be preserved.
8. **Additional Special Plans** or information as required.

11.04 Earth Moving

Earth moving, such as grading, topsoil removal, mineral extraction, stream course changing, road cutting, waterway construction or enlargement, removal of stream or lake bed materials, excavation, channeling, clearing, ditching, drain tile laying, dredging, and lagooning, shall be so conducted as to minimize erosion and sedimentation and disturbance of the natural fauna, flora, watercourse, water regimen, and topography.

11.05 Preservation of Existing Vegetation

The subdivider shall make every effort to protect and to retain all existing desirable trees, shrubs, grasses, and groundcover not actually lying in public roadways, drainageways, building foundation sites, private driveways, soil absorption waste disposal areas, and bicycle and pedestrian ways. Trees shall be protected and preserved during construction in accordance with the approved landscaping plan and with sound conservation practices, including the preservation of trees by well islands or retaining walls, whenever abutting grades are altered.

11.06 Inspection

The subdivider, prior to commencement of any work within the subdivision, shall make arrangements with the Town Board to provide for adequate inspection. The Town Board or its designee shall inspect and approve all completed work prior to approval of the Final Plat or release of the sureties.

12.0 Fees

12.01 General

The subdivider shall pay the County all fees as hereinafter required and at the specified time. Fees may be changed by action of the Planning and Zoning Committee and Notification to the County Board. Any such change of fees is effective upon posting of the new County Fee Schedule in the Planning & Zoning Office after action by the Planning and Zoning Committee and Notification to the County Board.

12.02 Preliminary Plat Review Fee

The subdivider shall pay a fee as set forth in the County Fee Schedule for each lot or parcel within the Preliminary Plat to the Planning & Zoning Office at the time of first application for approval of any Preliminary Plat to assist in defraying the cost of review.

12.03 Final Plat Review Fee

The subdivider shall pay a fee as set forth in the County Fee Schedule for each lot or parcel within the Final Plat to the Planning & Zoning Office at the time of first application for approval of said plat to assist in defraying the cost of review.

12.04 Minor Subdivision Review Fee

The subdivider shall pay a fee as set forth in the County Fee Schedule to the Planning & Zoning Office at the time of application for approval of said subdivision to assist in defraying the cost of review.

12.05 Condominium Plat Review Fee

The subdivider shall pay a fee as set forth in the County Fee Schedule for each unit within the Condominium Plat to the Planning & Zoning Office at the time of first application for approval of said plat to assist in defraying the cost of review.