

Resolution No. 2025-145

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF DODGEVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Dodgeville, Wisconsin, pursuant to Sections 60.10(2)(c), 62.23, 61.35, 60.22(3), and 66.1001(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, adopted a Comprehensive plan on March 21, 2005 as Chapter 20 of the Town code of ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dodgeville is hereby amending the Town Comprehensive Plan, Section H Land Use Element, Ag and Open Space Areas Policies to add additional residential density exemptions by adding the following exceptions and policies: e) Allow a residential land division for a single-family residence of a minimum lot size of 2 acres and a maximum lot size of 2.5 acres once every 5 years on the basis of contiguous ownership as described on a deed recorded at the Iowa County Register of Deeds office on non-cropland as defined in the plan. New ownership of land would need to wait 5 years prior to being eligible for this exemption. 11) The definition of cropland is as follows: Cropland includes areas used for the production of adapted crops for harvest. Two subcategories of cropland are recognized: cultivated and non-cultivated. Cultivated cropland comprises land in row crops or close-grown crops and also other cultivated cropland, for example, hay land that is in rotation with row or close-grown crops. Non-cultivated cropland includes permanent hay land and horticultural cropland. (Source: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service) Land that is in a set aside program is considered cropland. 12) Cropland that has been converted to pasture or woodlands must be out of production for 5 years to qualify as non-cropland. 13) The Town Board has the final say as to whether land proposed to be divided is considered to meet the non-cropland definition and the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide documentation to the Town Board to justify land as being "non-cropland".; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dodgeville is hereby amending the Town Comprehensive Plan based on public comment as well as previously approved amendments by the Town Board on August 24th, 2023, February 12th, 2019 and December 10th, 2015 as forth in Amendment No. 1 to the Town of Dodgeville Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Plan Commission finds that the Town of Dodgeville Comprehensive Plan, with the proposed amendments, addresses all of the required elements specified in Section 66.1001(2) of the Statutes and that the Comprehensive Plan, with the proposed amendment, is internally consistent; and

WHEREAS, the Town has duly noticed and held a public hearing on the proposed amendment, following the procedures in Section 66.1001(4)(d) of the Statutes and the public participation procedures for Comprehensive Plan amendments adopted by the Town Board through Resolution No. 2025-145.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 66.1001(4)(b) of the Statutes, the Town of Dodgeville Plan Commission hereby adopts this Resolution approving Town of Dodgeville Comprehensive Plan – Revised 4-24-25 (Amendment No. 2).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plan Commission does hereby recommend that the Town Board enact an ordinance adopting the Town of Dodgeville Comprehensive Plan – Revised 4-24-25.

Adopted by the Town of Dodgeville Plan Commission this 24th day of April, 2025.

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Absent 0
Abstained 1


Chairperson
Town of Dodgeville Plan Commission

Attest:

Clerk
Town of Dodgeville Plan Commission