

Town of Grafton Ordinance No. 2017-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 5,
GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF GRAFTON, WISCONSIN,
ADDRESSING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW AND THE
CONFIDENTIALITY OF INCOME AND EXPENSE RECORDS OF TAXPAYERS
CONVEYED TO THE ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Grafton that the Municipal Code of the Town of Grafton be further modified and amended in the manner hereinafter more particularly set forth; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing before the Town Board was duly published in the Ozaukee Press on שונים, 2017, and שונים, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held before the Town Board on August 9th, 2017, regarding the proposed Amendments to the Town's Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, based on the above, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Grafton that the Municipal Code of the Town of Grafton be further modified and amended in the manner hereinafter more particularly set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Grafton does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1:

Title 2, Chapter 5, of the Town of Grafton Code of Ordinances is amended as provided below by adding the following new section, as underscored below:

2.5.5 Board of Review

2.5.5.01 Composition

The Board of Review shall consist of the Chairperson, Town Board Supervisors and Town Clerk.

2.5.5.02 **Duties**

The duties and functions of the Board of Review shall be as prescribed in §§ 70.46 and 70.47, Wis. Stats.

2.5.5.03 **Meetings**

The Board of Review shall meet annually on the second Monday of May at the Town Hall of the Town of Grafton, and notice of such meeting shall be published pursuant to the state statutes. The Board, through its Clerk, shall establish its meeting hours pursuant to § 70.47(3)(b), Wis. Stats. The Board may adjourn from day to day or from time to time, until such time as its business is completed, provided that adequate notice of each adjournment is so given.

2.5.5.04 Confidentiality of certain information for assessment purposes

- (A) This subsection adopts by reference § 70.47(7)(af), Wis. Stats.

 Income and expense information provided by property owners to an Assessor for the purpose of establishing the valuation for assessment purposes by the income method of valuation shall be confidential and not a public record open to inspection or copying under § 19.35(1), Wis. Stats.
- (B) Exceptions.
 - An officer may make disclosure of such information under the following circumstances:
 - (1) The Assessor has access to such information in the performance of his/her duties.
 - (2) The Board of Review may review such information when needed, in its opinion, to decide upon a contested assessment.
 - (3) Another person or body has the right to review such information due to the intimate relationship to the duties of an office or as set by law.
 - (4) The officer is complying with a court order.
 - (5) The person providing the income and expense information has contested the assessment level at either the Board of Review or by filing a claim for excessive assessment under § 74.37, Wis. Stats., in which case the base records are open and public.

Section 2:

Except as hereinabove specifically modified and amended, the Code of Ordinances, Town of Grafton, Wisconsin, shall remain in full force and effect exactly as originally adopted and previously amended. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3:

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication or posting.

Lester A. Bartel, Jr., Town Chairman

Amanda L. Schaefer, Town Clerk

Publication Date: August 17th, 2017
Posting Date: ______, 2017

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