

**TOWN OF POLK  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 07.2026**

**AN ORDINANCE DISCONTINUING THE TOWN OF POLK'S PARTICIPATION IN  
THE JOINT MID-MORAINES MUNICIPAL COURT AND REPEALING CHAPTER 15  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF POLK**

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2022, the Town Board of the Town of Polk adopted Ordinance No. 08.2022, creating Chapter 15 (Municipal Court) of the Code of the Town of Polk and thereby establishing and joining the joint municipal court designated the "Mid-Moraine Municipal Court" under Chapter 755 of the Wisconsin Statutes and pursuant to the Agreement for the Operation of the Municipal Court for Washington County, as amended (the "Agreement"), an intergovernmental agreement entered into under § 66.0301, Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, § 755.01(4), Wis. Stats., provides that discontinuation of an agreement for a joint municipal court shall be effective at the end of the term for which the municipal judge has been elected or appointed, but only if the ordinance discontinuing the agreement is submitted to the appropriate filing office under § 11.0102(1)(c), Wis. Stats., and to the Director of State Courts prior to October 1 of the year preceding the end of the term for which the judge has been elected or appointed; and

WHEREAS, the current term of the judge of the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court ends on April 30, 2027, and this Ordinance must therefore be submitted to the appropriate filing office and to the Director of State Courts prior to October 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, under § 11.0102(1)(c), Wis. Stats., the appropriate filing officer is the county clerk or board of election commissioners of the county having the largest portion of the population in the jurisdiction served by the judge, which county is Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Town has previously provided notice to the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court of its request to terminate its membership, and the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to discontinue its participation in the Agreement and in the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court effective at the end of the current term of the municipal judge;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Polk, Washington County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1. Discontinuation of Agreement.** The Town of Polk hereby discontinues its participation in the Agreement for the Operation of the Municipal Court for Washington County, as amended, and withdraws as a member municipality of the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court,

effective at the end of the current term of the municipal judge, April 30, 2027, in accordance with § 755.01(4), Wis. Stats.

**SECTION 2. Repeal of Chapter 15.** Chapter 15 (Municipal Court) of the Code of the Town of Polk, adopted by Ordinance No. 08.2022, is hereby repealed in its entirety, effective April 30, 2027.

**SECTION 3. Directions to the Town Clerk.** The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to: (a) transmit a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Washington County Clerk, as the appropriate filing officer under §§ 755.01(4) and 11.0102(1)(c), Wis. Stats., prior to October 1, 2026; (b) transmit a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Director of State Courts prior to October 1, 2026; and (c) provide a copy of this Ordinance and of the notices described in (a) and (b) to the Clerk of the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court and to such other parties as may be required under the Agreement.

**SECTION 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and posting or publication as provided by law, except that the discontinuation and repeal provided in Sections 1 and 2 shall be effective April 30, 2027, as provided in § 755.01(4), Wis. Stats.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026.

TOWN OF POLK

By: Albert J. Schuttus  
Town Chairperson

Attest: Maria Recha  
Town Clerk