

**ORDINANCE TO EXTEND TOWN OFFICER TERMS IN RESPONSE TO ELECTION LAW CHANGES**

Whereas, the term of elected town officers (other than elected assessors) have previously begun on the 2nd Tuesday in April;

Whereas town officers (other than assessors) elected in April 2012 and thereafter will now have their terms of office commence on the 3rd Tuesday in April due to recent state election law changes;

Whereas this law change results in a week long "gap" between the end of the current terms of office for those town officers elected in either 2010 or 2011 and the start of the new terms of office for those officers elected in April 2012 or April 2013;

Whereas, 2011 Wis. Act 115 provides that a town board may enact an ordinance providing that the terms of any elective officers in the town who were elected or appointed to serve for terms expiring on the 2nd Tuesday in April 2012 or 2013 may be extended to the 3rd Tuesday in April in the same year in which the terms would otherwise have expired;

Therefore, be it hereby ordained by the Town Board of the Town of Richford, Waushara, County, that the terms of elected town officers which shall expire after 11:59 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of April in April 2013 shall be extended until the 3rd Tuesday of April in the same year in which the terms would otherwise have expired.

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication or posting by the town clerk as required, pursuant to s. 60.80, Wis. Stat.

Adopted March 12, 2012.