

Ordinance No.7

An Ordinance to Extend Town Officer Terms in Response to Election Law Changes

Section 1 – Title and Purpose

This ordinance is entitled an Ordinance to Extend Town Officer Term in Response to Election Law Changes. The purpose is to fill the “gap” between the end of the terms for officers elected in either 2010 or 2011 and those officers elected in April 2012 or April 2013 due to the election law changes.

Section 2 – Previous Term

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

Section 3 - New Term

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;

Section 4 – Gap

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;

Section 5 – Authority

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.

Section 6 – Terms Extended

Therefore, be it hereby ordained by the Town Board of the Town of Dewey, Portage County, that the terms of elected town officers which shall expire after 11:59 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of April in either April 2012 or April 2013 shall be extended until the 3rd Tuesday of April in the same year in which the terms would otherwise have expired.

Section 7 – Severability

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provisions of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be deemed affected.

Section 8 – Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective upon its publication and/or posting in the manner set forth in s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this day of
By the Town Board of the Town of Dewey, Portage County

Maurice King, Chairperson

Dennis Meis, Supervisor

Leroy Pukrop, Supervisor

Attest: _____
Angela Lochinger, Clerk