

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-009

CREATING CHAPTER 42 - A FAIR AND OPEN HOUSING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Village of Sister Bay promotes fair and open housing for all residents within the Village of Sister Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sister Bay proposes to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds and proposes adopting a Fair and Open Housing Ordinance to ensure all residents are treated fairly and provided equal opportunities for housing within the village's incorporated limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, at the March 25, 2025, meeting of the Village of Sister Bay Board of Trustees, the Village Board does hereby create Chapter 42 of the Village of Sister Bay Municipal Code, to be titled "Fair and Open Housing".

Section 1 – Adoption of Amendments.

Create Chapter 42, *Fair and Open Housing*, as shown below. Additions are in red font.

Chapter 42 Fair and Open Housing

- 42.01 Title
- 42.02 Wisconsin Statutes Incorporated
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42.01 Title

The title of this Chapter shall be the Fair and Open Housing Ordinance.

42.02 Wisconsin Statutes Incorporated

- A. Wisconsin Statutes §66.1011, *Local Equal Opportunities*, as it currently exists or is subsequently amended, is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
- B. Wisconsin Statutes §106.50, *Open Housing*, as it currently exists or is subsequently amended, is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
- C. For the purposes of construction of this ordinance, all references to the Wisconsin Statutes shall be as those statutes currently exist or as they may be hereafter revised.

42.03 Intent and Declaration of Policy

- A. The intent and declaration of policy of this ordinance are as set forth in Wisconsin Statutes §66.1011(1) and §106.50(1) respectively.

- B. The Village of Sister Bay hereby endorses the concepts of fair and open housing for all persons and the prohibition of discrimination therein.
- C. This ordinance provides a means for the implementation and enforcement of these concepts.

42.04 Definitions

- A. In this ordinance definitions are as set forth in Wisconsin Statutes §66.1011(m) and §106.50(1m).

42.05 Prohibitions

- A. This ordinance prohibits discrimination in housing as set forth in Wisconsin Statutes §66.1011(2) and §106.50(2), (2m) and (2r).
- B. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by Wisconsin Statutes §66.1011(2) and §106.50(2) and (2m) and (2r), is required or prohibited by this ordinance.

42.06 Exemptions and Exclusions

- A. The exemptions and exclusions from this ordinance are as set forth in Wisconsin Statutes §106.50(5m).

42.07 Administration and Enforcement

- A. The officials and employees of the Village of Sister Bay, Wisconsin, shall assist in the orderly prevention and removal of all discrimination in housing within the village by implementing the authority and enforcement procedures set forth in Wisconsin Statutes §106.50.
- B. The Village of Sister Bay Clerk shall maintain forms for complaints to be filed under Wisconsin Statutes §106.50 and shall assist any person alleging a violation thereof in the Village of Sister Bay to file a complaint thereunder with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Equal Rights Division, for enforcement of Wisconsin Statutes §106.50.
- C. Consistent with Wisconsin Statutes §66.1011(2):
 - 1. A complainant, aggrieved person or respondent may elect to remove the action to circuit court after a finding has been made that there is reasonable cause to believe that a violation of the ordinance has occurred.
 - 2. The Village of Sister Bay, at any time after a complaint has been filed alleging an ordinance violation, may file a complaint in circuit court seeking a temporary injunction or restraining order pending final disposition of the complaint.
 - 3. A forfeiture, as a penalty for violation of this subsection, is hereby established for an amount that is equal to the statutory forfeitures under Wisconsin Statutes §106.50(6)(h).

42.08 Non-Exclusivity

- A. The enactment, administration or enforcement of this ordinance is not exclusive and shall not:
 - 1. Preclude the village from adopting any other ordinance or providing for the enforcement of any other law or ordinance relating to the same or any other matter.
 - 2. Preclude the proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter.
 - 3. Limit any rights or remedies which may be available to any person.

Section 2 – Availability for Public Inspection.

A copy of this Ordinance shall be permanently on file and open to public inspection in the Office of the Village Clerk after its enactment and for a period of not less than two (2) weeks before its enactment.

Section 3 – Ordinances in Conflict.

All other Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4 – Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Section 5 – Severability.

If a Court of competent jurisdiction adjudges any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Village of Sister Bay

By: 

Nate Bell, President

ATTEST:



Heidi Teich, Village Clerk

Ayes 10

Nays 0

Filed/Posted: Mar. 26, 2025

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Sister Bay Liberty Grove Library, 2323 Mill Rd.

Effective Date: March 26, 2025