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**CHAPTER 13: HEALTH & WELFARE**

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**13.100 TITLE**

This Chapter shall be known as the “Town of Lyndon Health & Welfare Ordinance” or the “Health & Welfare Ordinance,” except as referred to herein, where it shall be known as “this Chapter.”

**13.101 AUTHORITY**

This Chapter is adopted pursuant to §60.22 and 823.01 Wis. Stats., and the Police powers granted to all Wisconsin Municipalities.

**13.102 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Chapter is to promote, preserve and protect the peace, health, safety, property and general welfare of the Town; to protect, maintain and preserve property values; to abate and prevent blighted areas; and to recognize the private and public benefits resulting from the safe, sanitary, and attractive maintenance of buildings, yards, and vacant areas.

**13.103 DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

**Basement:** A space of full story height below the first floor which is not designed or used primarily for year around living accommodations. Space, partly below grade, which is designed and finished as habitable space is not defined as basement space.

**Dwelling:** Any building or structure and attached appurtenances wholly or partly used or intended to be used by humans for living or sleeping.

**Dwelling unit:** Any habitable room or group of adjoining habitable rooms located within a dwelling and forming a single unit with facilities which are used or intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking, and eating meals.

**Gang Graffiti:** Any structure or marking determined by the Juneau County Sheriff Department to be a gang-related symbol or sign.

**Garbage:** Solid wastes from domestic or commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, or from the handling, storage, and sale of meat, fish, fowl, fruits, vegetables, and other vegetable and animal matter.

**Infestation:** The continuous presence within or around a dwelling of any insects, rodents, or other pests.

**Noxious weeds:** Canada thistle, leafy spurge, field bindweed (creeping Jenny), in any part of the Town, and all plants growing in sidewalk cracks or cracks next to buildings in any area zoned commercial or industrial.

**Occupant:** Any person living, sleeping, or eating in, or having actual possession of, a dwelling unit or rooming unit.

**Operator:** Any person, not an owner, who has charge or care of any premises, dwelling, or part thereof.

**Owner:** Any person who shall be the legal record holder of title of a premises or dwelling,

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including the legal record holder of a land contract vendee's interest.

**Premises:** Any lot, plot, or parcel of land and the buildings thereon.

**Recyclable Waste:** Waste material that is routinely remanufactured into useable products including (but not limited to) glass, plastics, newspapers, cardboard, and metals (aluminum, steel, tin, brass, etc.).

**Refuse:** All waste material, except garbage, rubbish, and recyclable waste, including (but not limited to) grass, leaves, sticks, tree branches and logs, stumps, cement, boards, furniture or household appliances, and garden debris.

**Rubbish:** Waste material, except garbage, that is incidental to the operation of a building, including (but not limited to) tin cans, bottles, rags, paper, cardboard, and sweepings.