

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-08-02**

The Town Board of the Town of RUTLAND, DANE County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

That, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.30(1e)(a), the office of the town clerk may be filled by appointment of a majority of the members-elect of the town board.

The term of office for the appointed position shall be set by the town board, but may not exceed 3 years per § 60.30(1e)(c). The town board may re-appoint the officer for additional terms. However, removal by the town board during a given term of office may only be for “cause” as defined under § 17.001 and required by § 60.30(1e)(f).

This ordinance is subject to approval by the town electors in a referendum, which is hereby called by the Town Board to be held on the April 2, 2024 spring election.

The referendum question shall be:

“Shall the person holding the office of town clerk be appointed by the town board?”

The salary of the appointed position shall be set by the town board and may not be reduced during the term of office.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its town board passage, notice after passage per § 60.80 and also its referendum approval by the town electors as required by § 60.30(1e)(b). The effective date of the terms of office shall beginning in April, 2025.

Adopted this 9th day of August , 2023  
Town of Rutland, Dane County, Wisconsin.

  
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Kent Knutson, Chair

  
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Dawn George, Clerk

**EXPLANATION:**

**A “YES” VOTE MEANS THAT YOU APPROVE MAKING THE CLERK’S POSITION APPOINTED STARTING IN APRIL 2025.**

**A “NO” VOTE MEANS THAT THE CLERK’S POSITION WILL REMAIN AN ELECTED POSITION.**