TOWN OF FREEDOM ORDINANCE 2025-02 ILLEGAL DUMPING IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

Section 1. Purpose

To establish illegal dumping penalties and amend the fee schedule to include fines for illegal dumping of Waste, Garbage and Refuse on public properties throughout the Town of Freedom.

Section 2. Authority

The Town Board of the Town of Freedom, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under and 60.22(1) & (3), Wis. stats., to adopt this ordinance.

Section 3. Scope

This ordinance applies to all public areas and properties in the Town of Freedom, including all areas or properties operated or maintained by the Town of Freedom including but not limited to, town right of ways, lands held in fee simple by the town and all public properties, including but not limited to the VFW, all town parks, town hall, and town garage.

Section 4. Definitions

Illegal Dumping: Defined as the act of placing any waste garbage, or refuse, not generated or created on site, onto Town of Freedom property or into any Town of Freedom dumpster or recycling bin at any time.

Waste, Garbage or Refuse: Means any discarded materials, whether recyclable or not, including but not limited to metals, plastics, glass, paper, fabrics, rubber, processed or manufactured wood products, furniture, construction material, appliances, yard waste, furniture, lead acid batteries, household waste, waste oil, or electronic devices.

Section 5. General Provisions

It shall be illegal for any person to illegally dump, leave or deposit any waste, garbage or refuse upon any town property, including but not limited to waste and recycling bins owned and used by the Town of Freedom located throughout the Town of Freedom.

The owner of any registered vehicle involved will be responsible for any violations captured by installed surveillance systems.

Any person violating this section will be responsible for costs associated with proper disposal of the materials.

Section 6. Penalty and Enforcement:

Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$200 for a first offense and shall also be liable for the expense of removal of any illegally deposited material that is contrary to this ordinance. A second offense shall carry a fine of \$500 in addition to the expense of removal of the item(s). The fee schedule shall be amended to include these penalties, effective immediately upon passage and publication of the ordinance.

Section 7 Severability

Should any section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable by a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction, including all applicable appeals, the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication by law.

Passed this 20 day of Morch 2025.

Justin Schumacher, Town Chairman

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3-26-2025

Date

Dana McHugh, Town Clerk

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