

## Chapter 1

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Troy as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### ARTICLE I

##### Adoption of Code

[Adopted 6-10-2004 by Ord. No. 04-3]

##### § 1-1. Code adopted.

Pursuant to § 66.0103, Wis. Stats., the ordinances of the Town of Troy of a general and permanent nature adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Troy, as revised, codified and consolidated into chapters and sections by General Code Publishers Corp., and consisting of Chapters 1 through 170, are hereby approved, adopted, ordained and enacted as the "Code of the Town of Troy," hereinafter referred to as the "Code."

##### § 1-2. Code supersedes prior ordinances.

This ordinance and the Code shall supersede all other general and permanent ordinances enacted prior to the enactment of this Code, except such ordinances as are hereinafter expressly saved from repeal or continued in force.

##### § 1-3. Continuation of existing provisions.

The provisions of the Code, insofar as they are substantively the same as those of the ordinances in force immediately prior to the enactment of the Code by this ordinance, are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and not as new enactments, and the effectiveness of such provisions shall date from the date of adoption of the prior ordinances.

##### § 1-4. Copy of Code on file.

A copy of the Code, in loose-leaf form, has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer and shall remain there for use and examination by the public for at least two weeks, in accordance with § 66.0103, Wis. Stats., and until final action is taken on this ordinance, and, if this ordinance shall be adopted, such copy shall be certified to by the Town Clerk-Treasurer, and such certified copy shall remain on file in the office of said Town Clerk-Treasurer to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while said Code is in effect.

##### § 1-5. Amendments to Code.

Any and all additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to the Code, when adopted in such form as to indicate the intention of the Town Board to make them a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated into such Code so that reference to the "Code of the Town of Troy" shall be understood

and intended to include such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements. Whenever such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to the Code shall be adopted, they shall thereafter be printed and, as provided hereunder, inserted in the loose-leaf book containing said Code as amendments and supplements thereto.

§ 1-6. Publication; filing.

The Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Troy, pursuant to law, shall cause to be published, in the manner required by law, a copy of this Adoption Ordinance. Sufficient copies of the Code shall be maintained in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer for inspection by the public at all times during regular office hours. The enactment and publication of this ordinance, coupled with the availability of a copy of the Code for inspection by the public, shall be deemed, held and considered to be due and legal publication of all provisions of the Code for all purposes.

§ 1-7. Code book to be kept up-to-date.

It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk-Treasurer, or someone authorized and directed by the Clerk-Treasurer, to keep up-to-date the certified copy of the book containing the Code required to be filed in the Clerk-Treasurer's office for use by the public. All changes in said Code and all ordinances adopted subsequent to the effective date of this codification which shall be adopted specifically as part of the Code shall, when finally adopted, be included therein by reference until such changes or new ordinances are printed as supplements to said Code book, at which time such supplements shall be inserted therein.

§ 1-8. Sale of Code book.

Copies of the Code, or any chapter or portion of it, may be purchased from the Clerk-Treasurer or an authorized agent of the Clerk-Treasurer upon the payment of a fee to be set by the Town Board. The Clerk-Treasurer may also arrange for procedures for the periodic supplementation of the Code.

§ 1-9. Altering or tampering with Code; penalties for violation.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to improperly change or amend, by additions or deletions, any part or portion of the Code or to alter or tamper with such Code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the Town of Troy to be misrepresented thereby. Anyone violating this section or any part of this ordinance shall be subject, upon conviction, to a fine of not more than \$500, in the discretion of the Judge imposing the same.

§ 1-10. Severability of Code provisions.

Each section of the Code and every part of each section is an independent section or part of a section, and the holding of any section or a part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

§ 1-11. Severability of ordinance provisions.

Each section of this ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

§ 1-12. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of a general and permanent nature adopted and in force on the date of the adoption of this ordinance and not contained in the Code are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this Adoption Ordinance, except as hereinafter provided.

§ 1-13. Ordinances saved from repeal.

The adoption of this Code and the repeal of ordinances provided for in § 1-12 of this ordinance shall not affect the following ordinances, rights and obligations, which are hereby expressly saved from repeal:

- A. Any ordinance adopted subsequent to March 11, 2004.
- B. Any right or liability established, accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of this ordinance or any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of such right or liability.
- C. Any offense or act committed or done before the effective date of this ordinance in violation of any legislative provision or any penalty, punishment or forfeiture which may result therefrom.
- D. Any prosecution, indictment, action, suit or other proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this ordinance brought pursuant to any legislative provision.
- E. Any franchise, license, right, easement or privilege heretofore granted or conferred.
- F. Any ordinance providing for the laying out, opening, altering, widening, relocating, straightening, establishing grade, changing name, improvement, acceptance or vacation of any right-of-way, easement, street, road, highway, park or other public place or any portion thereof.
- G. Any ordinance appropriating money or transferring funds, promising or guaranteeing the payment of money or authorizing the issuance and delivery of any bond or other instruments or evidence of the town's indebtedness.
- H. Ordinances authorizing the purchase, sale, lease or transfer of property or any lawful contract or obligation.
- I. The levy or imposition of taxes, assessments or charges.
- J. The annexation or dedication of property or approval of preliminary or final subdivision plats.
- K. Ordinances providing for local improvements or assessing taxes or special assessments therefor.
- L. All currently effective ordinances pertaining to the rate and manner of payment of salaries and compensation of officers and employees.
- M. Any legislation relating to or establishing a pension plan or pension fund for municipal employees.

§ 1-14. Changes in previously adopted ordinances.

A. In compiling and preparing the ordinances for publication as the Code of the Town of Troy, no changes in the meaning or intent of such ordinances have been made, except as provided for in Subsections B and C hereof. In addition, certain grammatical changes and other minor nonsubstantive changes were made in one or more of said pieces of legislation. It is the intention of the Town Board that all such changes be adopted as part of the Code as if the ordinances had been previously formally amended to read as such.

B. The following changes are made throughout the Code:

(1) References to specific chapters and sections of the Wisconsin Statutes are revised to reflect the numbering of the statutes as of the publication of this Code.

(2) References to the "Master Plan," "Comprehensive Plan" and "Master/Comprehensive Plan" are amended to read "Growth Management Plan/Comprehensive Plan."

(3) References to the "Clerk" and "Treasurer" are amended to read "Clerk-Treasurer."

(4) References to the "Planning Board" and "Planning and Zoning Board" are amended to read "Plan Commission."

(5) Specific fee amounts are deleted and replaced with a reference to the current fee schedule on file with the Town Clerk-Treasurer, except for the fees in Chapter 70, Impact Fees, and the license fees in Chapter 74, Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverages.

(6) Specific forfeiture amounts are deleted and replaced with a reference to Chapter 39, Citations.

C. In addition, the amendments and/or additions as set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof are made herewith, to become effective upon the effective date of this ordinance. (Chapter and section number references are to the ordinances as they have been renumbered and appear in the Code.)[1]

§ 1-15. When effective.

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

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[1]. Editor's Note: In accordance with § 1-14C, the chapters, parts and sections which were added, amended, adopted or deleted by this ordinance are indicated throughout the Code by a footnote referring to Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article I. During routine supplementation, footnotes indicating amendments, additions or deletions will be replaced with the following history: "Amended (added, deleted) 6-10-2004 by Ord. No. 04-3." Schedule A, which contains a complete description of all changes, is on file in the Town offices.