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#### 2.01 FORM OF GOVERNMENT; GENERAL STRUCTURE. (Charter Ordinance #1143)

The corporate authority of the City of Wisconsin Rapids is vested in its mayor and common council, in accordance with its founding charter ordinances and Chapters 62 and 66 of Wisconsin Statutes, as appropriate. Officers are and shall be a mayor, a finance director (who shall also perform the statutory duties of treasurer), clerk, attorney, engineer, assessor, board of police and fire commissioners, chief of police, chief of the fire department, an alderperson from each aldermanic district, and such other officers or boards as are created by law or by the council. The mayor is elected for a two-year term. The clerk, attorney, and municipal judge are elected for four-year terms. Alderpersons are elected for two-year terms. Other officers are appointed as provided by law. (Charter Ordinance #1192) Whenever three (3) or more candidates file nomination papers for a city office, a primary to nominate candidates for the office shall be held.

#### 2.02 MAYOR

- (1) The mayor shall be the chief executive officer. The mayor shall take care that city ordinances and state laws are observed and enforced and that all city officers and employees discharge their duties.
- (2) The mayor shall give information and make recommendations that the mayor deems advantageous to the city, and, when present, shall preside at the meetings of the common council.
- (3) The mayor shall have veto power in accord with statutes.
- (4) The mayor shall be the head of the fire and police departments, in accord with appropriate state statutes.

#### 2.03 NUMBER OF ALDERPERSONS (CHARTER ORDINANCE #880)

- (1) The City of Wisconsin Rapids hereby elects, pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.09(1)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes to change the number of alderpersons in the City of Wisconsin Rapids as hereinafter provided in this ordinance.
- (2) There shall be one alderperson from each of the eight (8) aldermanic districts in the City of Wisconsin Rapids. The eight (8) aldermanic districts shall be determined by the Common Council during the reapportionment process following the decennial census.
- (3) The first four (4) vacancies in the office of alderperson shall be filled in the Spring Election of 2002 when

alderpersons from even-numbered districts shall be elected for a term of two years. Thereafter, four (4) alderpersons from odd-numbered districts shall be elected in the odd-numbered years for terms of two years, and four (4) alderpersons from even-numbered districts shall be elected in even-numbered years for terms of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

- (4) This is a Charter Ordinance and shall take effect upon publication, unless, within 60 days after its passage and publication, a referendum election, as provided by Section 66.01 of the Wisconsin Statutes, shall be filed; in which event this ordinance shall not take effect until it shall have the electors voting thereon.

## 2.04 COMMON COUNCIL (MC#918)

### (1) Meetings.

- (a) Regular and Special. Regular meetings of the common council shall ordinarily be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The council president may schedule the regular meeting at another date and/or time if a quorum cannot be obtained or if the interests of the City require it. Following a regular city election, the new council shall first meet on the third Tuesday in April. The council shall not meet on the date of a legal holiday, but shall meet as close as practicable to that time, as scheduled and called by the council president. The council may adjourn from time to time. The mayor may call a special meeting at any time by notifying members in a manner likely to give each member notice of the meeting and providing the notice at least six hours before the time set for the meeting. Such notice shall specify the object of the meeting and the business to be transacted, and no business may be transacted at a special meeting except that for which said meeting was called. (MC #1229)
- (b) Presiding Officer; Order of Business. The mayor shall preside at all meetings, when present, and in his absence, the council president shall preside. In case of the absence of the mayor and the council president, the clerk shall call the council to order and thereupon the council shall elect one of its own council members president pro tem. The presiding officer shall call the meeting to order at the appointed time. The order of business shall be fixed by the council, in accord with adopted rules of order.
- (c) Appointment of Committee, Commission, and Board Members. All committees, shall be appointed by the mayor, unless otherwise directed by the Wisconsin Statutes, and all standing committees shall be appointed annually at the reorganization meeting after the election. Committee members shall elect their own chairperson and secretary. All special committee, commission, and board members shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the common council, unless otherwise provided. The names of all prospective appointees to special committees, commissions, and boards shall be presented to the alderpersons at least three days before the common council action, approval, or confirmation. The rule shall be subject to suspension as provided by Section 2.03(4).
- (d) Election by Council. In elections by the common council, the candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be elected.

### (2) Committees of the Common Council.

- (a) Standing Committees; Matters Referred. The standing committees of the common council are:
- (1) Public Works Committee
  - (2) Finance and Property Committee
  - (3) Human Resources Committee
- Each council member shall be on at least one committee, to be assigned by the mayor at the reorganization meeting. Each committee shall have three members. Each committee shall elect its own chairperson and secretary. (MC #1101)
- (b) Standing Committee Responsibilities. The areas of responsibility of the three standing committees are:
- (1) Finance and Property Committee: Responsible for overall policy relating to city finances and city-owned property. Deals with taxation, budgeting, accounting, borrowing, claims, grants, licensing, insurance, real estate, buildings, equipment, materials, purchasing, and special events on public property.
  - (2) Human Resources Committee: Responsible for overall policy relating to the city's employees. Deals with wage/salary and benefit plans, labor negotiations, employee grievances, review of disciplinary actions, personnel policies, organizational structure, staffing levels, and safety.
  - (3) Public Works Committee: Responsible for overall policy relating to public works programs and

projects and city rights of way. Deals with water and sewer projects, street- and sidewalk-related projects, sewer, street and sidewalk maintenance programs, garbage and recycling matters, dedications and vacations of rights of way, special assessments, street names, parking and traffic control, and street lighting.

- (c) Time of Committee Meetings. Committee meetings shall be held when necessary but must be held at least once a month.
- (d) Substitution of Alderpersons. An alderperson may appoint another alderperson to take his/her place at any committee meeting subject to the committee chairperson's approval for which the substitution is made.

(3) Common Council Procedures

- (a) Two-thirds of the alderpersons shall be a quorum, unless otherwise set by state law.
- (b) Matters Considered to be in Writing. All matters, except motions, presented to the common council for its consideration must be in writing. All reports, before being presented to the common council, shall have thereon a file number to be assigned by the clerk.
- (c) Matters Referred to Committee. No matter shall be acted upon by the common council except upon the recommendation of the appropriate committee, commission, or board, except that the common council shall have direct authority in regard to matters relating to zoning, the official map, annexation, general legislative recommendations, and matters not directly related to the areas of responsibility of the three standing committees.
- (d) Reading and Passage of Ordinances. All ordinances shall have one reading. No ordinance, except an ordinance relating to parking and traffic regulations, shall be passed at the meeting in which it is introduced, unless by a unanimous vote of all members voting. A majority vote of all the members of the common council shall be necessary for the passage of an ordinance. (MC#967)
- (e) Suspension of Rules. A vote of two-thirds of the members voting will suspend any rule of the common council except the rules established by subsections (c) and (d) above.
- (f) Parliamentary Procedure
  - (1) The rules of parliamentary practice comprised in Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary procedure in the conduct of all common council meetings for the City of Wisconsin Rapids and the city attorney, or other designated person, shall act as parliamentarian.
  - (2) In the event of a question on parliamentary procedure, action on the issue before the common council shall be held in abeyance until the matter is clarified with a quotation from Roberts Rules of Order by the parliamentarian.
  - (3) Abstentions are not counted when determining a quorum.
- (g) Amendment of Rules. These rules may be amended or altered, or new rules adopted by a majority of all the members elected at any meeting of the common council on the report of a committee to which the subject has been referred at a previous meeting.

2.05 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

- (1) The treasurer shall collect all appropriate taxes and receive and pay out city monies according to law.
- (2) The treasurer shall maintain suitable books, open to public inspection and file verified reports to the common council of monies received and disbursed and of the condition of the treasury.
- (3) The treasurer shall take no compensation except the salary fixed by council and shall deposit immediately upon receipt the funds of the city in the public depository designated by the common council.
- (4) The treasurer may appoint a deputy, who shall receive compensation as determined by the council.

2.06 DUTIES OF THE CLERK

- (1) It shall be the duty of the clerk, in addition to his other duties, to be present at and to keep correct minutes of the proceedings of each meeting of the common council; make a correct record of same and furnish the mayor and alderpersons with copies; engross all ordinances and bylaws and record the same in a book of ordinances; furnish the committees with copies of resolutions and other matters that may be referred to them; and to do such other clerical duties as may be prescribed by the common council.
- (2) The clerk shall publish the substance of every official action of the common council at every general or special meeting thereof in a newspaper published and of general circulation in the city.

- (3) The clerk shall draw and sign all orders upon the treasury and preserve all receipts as prescribed by statute and shall keep a full account thereof in appropriate books.
- (4) The clerk shall publish appropriate notices as prescribed by law and keep all records and papers in the clerk's office open to inspection at reasonable hours.
- (5) The clerk shall keep a record of licenses and permits granted and record all bonds, in appropriate books.
- (6) The clerk may appoint a deputy, who is to be compensated as the council shall provide.

2.07 DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY

- (1) The attorney shall conduct all the law business in which the city is interested, and shall, when requested by city officers, give written legal opinions, which shall be filed with the clerk.
- (2) The attorney shall draft ordinances, bonds and other instruments as may be required by city officers.
- (3) The attorney shall examine the tax and assessment rolls and other tax proceedings, and advise the proper city officers in regard thereto.
- (4) The attorney may appoint an assistant, who shall be compensated according to city ordinance.
- (5) The common council may employ and compensate special counsel to assist in or take charge of any matter in which the city is interested.

2.08 OTHER CITY OFFICERS

- (1) Comptroller and street commissioner; offices dispensed with.
  - (a) The City of Wisconsin Rapids hereby elects, pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.09(1)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to dispense with the offices of the comptroller and street commissioner.
  - (b) Comptroller Duties Performed by Mayor. The mayor of Wisconsin Rapids shall perform the duties designated by the statutes of the State of Wisconsin to be performed by the comptroller.
- (2) Assessor (Charter Ordinance 113)
  - (a) The City of Wisconsin Rapids hereby elects, pursuant to the provisions of Section 62.09(3)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, that the manner of selection of the assessor shall be as hereinafter provided in this ordinance.
  - (b) The assessor shall be elected by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the common council from an eligible list, after examination.
  - (c) The assessor so selected shall hold office for an indefinite term, subject to termination at any time, as provided in Section 17.12(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
  - (d) This is a charter ordinance and shall take effect 60 days after its passage and publication, unless within such 60 days, a referendum petition, as provided by Section 66.01 of the Wisconsin Statutes shall be filed; in which event, this ordinance shall not take effect until it shall have been submitted to a referendum of the electors and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon. (Passed November 6, 1945)
- (3) City Engineer (MC#125)
  - (a) One of the engineers hired by the common council shall be appointed as city engineer by the common council upon the joint recommendation of the mayor and the Human Resources Committee. (MC#920)
  - (b) The city engineer so appointed shall hold office for an indefinite term, subject to termination at any time at the pleasure of the common council.
  - (c) The city engineer shall perform all of the duties required of him as set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes, together with such other duties as shall be required by the common council and the director of public works. (MC#813)
  - (d) The city engineer shall participate on committees, commissions, and boards, as directed by this code. (MC#813)
- (4) Fire Chief. The chief of the fire department shall have command of the fire department of the city under the direction of the mayor, and shall obey all lawful written orders of the mayor or common council.
- (5) Police Chief. The chief of police shall have command of the police force of the city under the direction of the mayor, and shall obey all lawful written orders of the mayor or common council.
- (6) Purchasing Agent - REPEALED by MC#920
- (7) Director of Public Works (MC#813)
  - (a) The director of public works shall be appointed by the common council upon the recommendation of the mayor and Human Resources Committee. (MC#920)

- (b) The director of public works shall be a registered professional engineer in the State of Wisconsin.
- (c) The director of public works shall be responsible for maintaining and improving the city's infrastructure and facilities, and for the direction of the public works department, including:
  - (1) the engineering division
  - (2) the park, recreation, and forestry division
  - (3) the street division
  - (4) the waste water treatment division
- (d) The director of public works shall participate on committees, commissions, and boards, as directed by this code, except that the director may appoint staff members to various committees, commissions, and boards to serve as full members, with membership, privileges, and responsibilities equal to those of the director.

2.09 OTHER COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

- (1) Annexation Committee - REPEALED by MC#920
- (2) Board of Building Appeals. There shall be a board of building appeals as set forth in Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code.
- (3) Board of Electrical Examiners - REPEALED by MC#926
- (4) Board of Housing Appeals. There shall be a board of housing appeals as set forth in Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code.
- (5) Board of Public Works. The duties prescribed in Section 62.14 of the Wisconsin Statutes shall be performed, as applicable, by the Public Works Committee and the Finance and Property Committee of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council. (MC#920)
- (6) Board of Review.
  - (a) Membership. The board of review of the City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, shall be made up of five residents of the city, none of whom shall occupy any public office or be publicly employed. (102)
  - (b) Appointment and Terms of Office. Said members shall be appointed by the mayor of said city with the approval of the common council and shall hold office as members of said board for five years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, the first appointments to be for one, two, three, four, and five years respectively.
  - (c) Full Length Terms. Every year hereafter, one member of said board shall be appointed for a five-year term at the regular April meeting of the common council, said term to begin May 1st and shall expire five years later on May 1. (MC#469)
  - (d) Alternate Members. There shall be three alternate members of the Board of Review, to serve on board as needs arise. Said alternate members shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the common council for five-year terms, except that the first three alternates shall be appointed for respective three-, four-, and five-year terms beginning May 1, 2004. (MC#987)
  - (e) Vacancies to be filled. Any vacancy that might occur on said board shall be filled at the following council meeting. Said appointment to be made for the unexpired term of said vacated member.
  - (f) Work Schedule. The work schedule for the board of review of the City of Wisconsin Rapids shall be a minimum of two hours or as otherwise required by Wisconsin Statutes. The first session of the board shall begin at 8:30 a.m. Subsequent sessions shall be scheduled, as necessary, by the board. (MC#865)
  - (g) The rate of pay for the board of review members shall be \$25.00 for each four-hour period, or portion thereof, not to exceed \$75.00 per day (three periods), or actual wages lost, whichever is greater. (MC#865)
- (7) Board of Zoning Appeals. There shall be a zoning board of appeals as set forth in Chapter 11 of the Municipal Code.
- (8) Circus and Carnival Licensing Board - REPEALED by MC#920
- (9) Code Review Committee - REPEALED by MC #926
- (10) Ethics Board. There shall be an ethics board as set forth in Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code.
- (11) Housing Authority. There shall be a housing authority as established by appropriate federal and state regulations to administer public and subsidized housing in Wisconsin Rapids.
- (12) Industrial Development Commission
  - (a) Creation and Membership. There is hereby created by the City of Wisconsin Rapids an industrial

development commission consisting of six members; five of whom shall be appointed by the mayor subject to the confirmation by the common council. The term of office of each member shall be as herein-after provided and shall expire on April 30 of each year, except as otherwise provided. The membership of the commission shall consist of the follows:

- (1) the mayor for his term in office;
  - (2) one member of the common council for one year;
  - (3) four citizen members for a term of four years each, except when said commission is first constituted, said members shall be appointed for terms of one, two, three, and four years. All members of this commission shall serve without compensation. A majority of this commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (b) Organization. The commission shall meet annually as soon after May 1 as possible and selection shall be made from its membership of a chairperson and secretary.
- (c) Powers and Duties.
- (1) This commission shall have complete charge, supervision, and management of all lands designated as an industrial park by the City of Wisconsin Rapids.
  - (2) The commission shall adopt such rules and regulations to govern the organization and conduct of its work as it shall deem advisable. The commission shall make recommendations to the common council for the development and improvement of the industrial park and as to such restrictions upon the use of said lands as it deems advisable. The commission shall make contracts with sales agents for the disposition of lands in the industrial park at such prices as shall be determined by the common council.
- (d) Finances.
- (1) All expenditures of the commission shall be made by orders of the city clerk, drawn upon the city treasurer to pay bills that have been audited and approved by the commission, and the common council. The commission shall not contract any liability in excess of the budget for said commission authorized by the common council and such gratuities as shall be received by the commission.
  - (2) All receipts of any kind and all monies that may be received by the commission shall be in the name of the City of Wisconsin Rapids.
- (e) Budget and Report to Council. Prior to the first day of October of each year, the commission shall submit to the common council an estimate of the expenditures for the succeeding year. Such amount, as shall be approved by the common council, shall be included in the city budget. Said commission shall submit to the council, for its regular monthly meeting, a report on the activities of the commission during the preceding month. (MC#54)
- (13) Library Board (MC#605)
- (a) Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes, entitled "Libraries", is hereby incorporated by reference as said chapter relates to municipal libraries.
  - (b) The mayor shall appoint to the library board as one of its nine members an alderperson to serve during his/her term of office or until another alderperson is appointed to replace the alderperson member. Said appointment shall be confirmed by the common council.
- (14) Municipal Board of Canvassers. A municipal board of canvassers is hereby created pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.53(2)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to canvass publicly the returns of every local election in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.53 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The board shall be composed of the city clerk and two members of the city hall staff or other qualified electors appointed by the city clerk. If the clerk's office is vacant, if the clerk cannot perform his or her duties, or if the clerk is a candidate at an election being canvassed, an alderperson shall substitute as a third qualified elector on the board. (MC#1023)
- (15) Municipal Parking Board - REPEALED by MC#926
- (16) Police and Fire Commission. The city's police and fire commission shall operate under the provisions of Section 62.13 of the Wisconsin Statutes, without the optional powers as set forth in 62.13(6).
- (17) Park and Recreation Commission.
- (a) Creation and Membership. There is hereby re-created in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, a park and recreation commission consisting of nine members, six of whom shall be appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation by the common council. The term of office of each member shall be as hereinafter provided and shall expire April 30 of each year, except as otherwise provided. The

membership of the commission shall consist of the following:

- (1) Two members of the common council for their terms of office. One common council member shall be appointed by the mayor and the other by the common council.
  - (2) Five citizen members for a term of five years each, except when said commission is first constituted, said members shall be appointed for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years, thereafter for a term of five years.
  - (3) The mayor and superintendent of schools shall be ex officio members.
- All members of this commission shall serve without compensation. The majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. (MC#561)
- (b) Organization. The commission shall meet annually as soon after May 1 as possible and selections shall be made from its membership a chairperson and secretary.
- (c) Powers and Duties.
- (1) This commission shall have complete charge, supervision, and management of all public parks, municipal swimming pools, recreational buildings and grounds upon which the same are situated and adjacent to, public playgrounds, public ice rinks, public centers, and similar public property and functions as shall be assigned to said commission by the common council for the development, maintenance, and operation of all public recreational facilities and activities as it shall from time to time determine are for the best interest of the city and its inhabitants.
  - (2) The commission shall adopt such rules and regulations to govern the organization and conduct of its work as it shall deem advisable. Whenever possible and practicable, the commission shall utilize city employees, equipment, and facilities.
  - (3) The commission shall have the authority to hire the park superintendent and the recreation director and make recommendations concerning their respective salaries to the Human Resources Committee of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council. The commission may hire temporary help to assist in its recreation programs. The wages of employees working for the park and recreation department who are members of Local Union 1075 shall be determined by the Human Resources Committee of the common council. (MC#920)
- (d) Finances.
- (1) All expenditures shall be made by orders of the city clerk, drawn upon the city treasurer to pay bills that have been audited and approved by the commission, and presented to the city clerk. The commission shall not contract any liability in excess of the budget for said commission authorized by the common council and such other income shall be received by the commission.
  - (2) All receipts of any kind and all monies that may be received by the commission as donations, gifts, legacies, bequests, etc., shall, unless otherwise provided by the terms of such donations, gifts, legacies, and bequests, be deposited in the treasury of the city and the city treasurer shall act as treasurer of said commission without additional compensation.
- (e) Budget and Report to Council. Prior to October 1 each year, the commission shall submit to the council an estimate of the expenditures during the ensuing year. Such amount, as shall be approved by the common council, shall be included in the city budget. (MC#554)
- (f) Municipal Zoo.
- (1) Establishment and Location. A municipal zoo is hereby established and created for the City of Wisconsin Rapids. The location of the municipal zoo shall be on city-owned property lying north and west of the sewage disposal plant in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, described as follows: "That area located north and west of the disposal plant fence and south of Gaynor Avenue, between the disposal plant driveway and the Chicago and Northwestern right-of-way. The south line of said area shall be a line running due west from the most northerly corner of the sludge bed to the Chicago and Northwestern right-of-way, excepting therefrom the following portion thereof which shall be maintained by and be the responsibility of the park board: beginning at the intersection of the south line of Gaynor Avenue and the westerly line of the disposal plant driveway, running southwesterly along the westerly line of said driveway to the northwesterly fence of the disposal plant, run thence northwesterly along said fence, as extended to a road which lies about 50 feet west of the west line of Government Lot #1,

Section 24, Township 22 North, Range 5 East, thence run north along said road to the south line of Gaynor Avenue, thence run east along the south line of Gaynor Avenue to the point of beginning." (141-A)

- (2) The management of the municipal zoo shall be vested in the park and recreation commission of the City of Wisconsin Rapids.
- (3) The erection of pens, buildings, and landscaping of the zoo shall be vested in the park and recreation commission.
- (4) An annual report to the common council of said city, on the operation of the zoo, shall be made by the park and recreation commission at the time of budget requests.
- (5) The mayor and common council shall provide in the annual budget the sum necessary for the management and upkeep of the zoo for the ensuing year.
- (6) The acquisition of birds or animals that are native to Wisconsin by gift, exchange, or purchase, shall be subject to the approval of the park and recreation commission. The acquisition of birds or animals that are not native to Wisconsin shall be subject to the express consent of the common council. (MC#49)

(18) Planning Commission.

- (a) Creation and Membership. A planning commission for the City of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, is hereby created under the authority of Section 62.23, Wisconsin Statutes. The commission shall consist of seven members as follows:
  - (1) The mayor, who shall be its presiding officer;
  - (2) The city engineer;
  - (3) One member of the park and recreation commission;
  - (4) One alderperson who shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the common council each April.
  - (5) Three citizens. Citizen members shall be persons of recognized experience and qualifications, and shall receive no compensation.
- (b) Organization of Commission. As soon as possible after their appointment, the members of the planning commission shall organize by the election of a vice chairperson, secretary, and such other officers as may, in their judgment, be necessary. All the members of the planning commission shall serve as such without compensation.
- (c) Powers and Duties.
  - (1) The common council shall refer to the planning commission for the consideration and report before final action is taken by the council, the following matters:
    - (a) The location and architectural design of any public building
    - (b) The location of any statue or other memorials; the location, extension, alteration, ornamentation, or parking on any street, park, playground, or other memorial or public grounds.
    - (c) The location and character of land and buildings for relieving congestion, for garden suburbs, or for vacation camps for children within or without the city.
    - (d) All plats of lands in the city or within three miles thereof.
  - (2) The common council may refer to the planning commission the construction or carrying out of any public work not expressly within the province of other boards or commissions to the city and may delegate to the planning commission all powers which the said council deems necessary to complete such in all details.
  - (3) The planning commission shall, upon request of the common council, recommend a district plan and regulations governing the locations of industries and of buildings designed for specific uses, the size of buildings hereafter erected; and the area of yards, courts, and other open spaces and such regulations are declared to be for public health, safety, and welfare. Tentative recommendations shall first be formulated and public hearings held thereon.
- (d) Employment of Expert Advice. The planning commission may employ expert advice upon the authorization of the common council, and an appropriation by the common council, therefore, and may have made maps showing the proposed additions to or changes in the plan of the city.
- (e) Written Record. The planning commission shall keep written records of its proceedings which shall be open to inspection at all times.

(19) Redevelopment Authority.



- (a) There shall be a redevelopment authority as defined by resolution passed on January 14, 1969 and appropriate federal and state regulations to administer programs designed to stimulate development in areas determined to be populated by persons of low and moderate income.
  - (b) The authority shall consist of seven resident freeholders as commissioners of the authority. The commissioners who are first appointed shall be designated by the mayor to serve the following terms: two for one year, two for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years from the date of their appointment. Thereafter the term of office shall be for five years. A commissioner shall hold his office until a successor has been appointed and qualified. No more than two of such commissioners shall be officers of the city, and at least one shall be an alderperson who shall serve ex-officio, for his term in office.
  - (c) The commission is hereby authorized to exercise the powers found in Section 66.431 of the Wisconsin Statutes, known as the "Blight Elimination and Slum Clearance Act", and any and all other statutes applicable.
- (20) Telecommunications Advisory Commission. There shall be a telecommunications advisory commission as set forth in Chapter 30 of the Municipal Code.
- (21) Wastewater Treatment Commission.
- (a) Membership. There is hereby created a commission to be known and designated as the Wisconsin Rapids Wastewater Treatment Commission. The commission shall consist of:
    - (1) Five members from the City of Wisconsin Rapids, including the chairperson of the Public Works Committee
    - (2) One member from the Village of Biron when it is served by the Wisconsin Rapids wastewater treatment system
    - (3) the city engineer (or his authorized agent) (MC#962)
 The Village of Biron representative and the city engineer (or his authorized agent) shall be an ex officio member thereof. The members of said commission, representing the City of Wisconsin Rapids, shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation of the common council at the regular meeting in May of each year, or at any time thereafter when an appointment shall be required to fill a vacancy. The member from the Village of Biron shall be appointed or elected by the village board of public officials. The chairperson of the public works committee may designate a member of said committee to substitute for him in said commission in case of his absence. (MC#962)
  - (b) Terms of Office. The membership of said commission shall be for a term of five years commencing June 1 of the year in which said appointment is made. Commissioners appointed to fill a vacancy created as a result of resignation, death, or otherwise shall be for the unexpired term of the commissioner being replaced. Each commissioner so appointed thereafter, or now holding over, shall continue to perform the duties of his office until his successor has been duly appointed and confirmed by the council.
  - (c) Offices of Commission. The members of said commission shall choose a chairperson at their first meeting of each year after June 1, who shall preside at the meetings. The waste water treatment superintendent shall act as secretary of the commission and as supervisor of the waste water treatment plant and complete sanitary sewer system of the City of Wisconsin Rapids subject, however, to the supervision and control of said commission. (MC#962)
  - (d) Compensation. Members of said commission shall receive compensation as authorized and approved by the Human Resources Committee and the common council, excepting alderpersons serving on the commission who are not entitled to compensation. Membership thereon may be from either the common council or from the general citizenry of the City of Wisconsin Rapids. Non-alderperson members of said commission shall receive said compensation for all duly authorized meetings conducted during the month. The member of the commission from the Village of Biron shall receive compensation as authorized and paid by the Village of Biron. (MC#920)
  - (e) Duties of Commission. Said commission shall have the entire charge, management, operation, and maintenance responsibility of the waste water treatment plant, lift stations, and sanitary waste water system in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, including monitoring of the sewer use program. In addition hereto, the commission shall have charge of employing and supervising the necessary personnel for the operation of the waste water treatment plant, lift stations, sanitary waste water system, all subject, however, to the general control and direction of the common council. (MC#962)

- (f) Rules and Regulations of Personnel. Said wastewater treatment commission shall formulate rules and regulations for all personnel under the supervision and control of the commission and shall make such additions or corrections thereto from time to time as they deem advisable.
  - (g) Collection of Sewer Use Fee. The commission shall employ the services of the water works and lighting department for the billing and collecting of the sewer use fee and shall compensate said department an amount not to exceed the actual cost of billing and collecting.
  - (h) Handling of Funds. All receipts from the sewer use fee, other receipts of any kinds, and all monies that may be received by the commission shall be deposited in the sewer use fee account with the treasurer of the City of Wisconsin Rapids.
  - (i) Budget and Report to the Council. Prior to October 1 of each year, the commission shall subject to the council an estimate of the expenditures during the ensuing year. An amount equal to the revenue derived through the sewer use fee, as approved by the common council, shall be included in the operation budget of the wastewater treatment commission. The commission shall make reports to the common council from time to time on the operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant and complete sanitary sewer system, and shall at least twice a year, at the regular meeting of the common council, in June and December, make and file a written report fully setting forth all facts of the operation and financial condition of the sewer use fee account.
  - (j) Revising Sewer Use Fee. The commission shall review the sewer use fee ordinance yearly to determine proper rate structure and other changes deemed necessary to comply with state and federal laws and regulations. Changes to said ordinance shall be recommended and submitted to the common council for review and approval by the governing body. (MC#256)
- (22) Water Works and Lighting Commission (MC#680)
- (a) There is hereby created a board of commissioners as provided in section 66.0805 of the Wisconsin Statutes parts of which are incorporated herein. The board shall consist of five commissioners, elected by the common council for a term beginning on the first day of October. Each commissioner shall be appointed for a five year term, and commissioners may serve a maximum of two terms. All commissioners shall be residents of the City of Wisconsin Rapids. The compensation of commissioners shall be determined by the common council, however a commissioner may not receive any increase during his or her term in which the increase was granted. (MC#1156)
  - (b) There shall be appointed by the common council, at each year's reorganization meeting of the council, two alderpersons as non-voting members to the water works and lighting commission for one-year terms with no additional compensation. The water works and lighting commission shall notify non-voting members of all meetings and said non-voting members shall have the right to attend closed meetings.
  - (c) The board of commissioners shall choose from among their number a president and a secretary. They may request the services of the director of public works (or his authorized agent) and human resources director, may employ and fix the compensation of such subordinates as shall be necessary. They may make rules for their own proceedings and for the government of their department providing such rules are not in conflict with state statutes or city ordinances. (MC#920)
  - (d) The board of commissioners shall take charge and management of the utility, to appoint a manager and fix compensation of same, and to supervise the operation of the utility under the general control and supervision of the common council.
  - (e) The powers and duties of the water works and lighting commission shall be as prescribed by Section 66.068 of the Wisconsin Statutes, together with acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and in conformance with this ordinance together with such directives of the common council as may from time to time be issued.
  - (f) The commission shall have such general powers in construction, extension, improvements and operation of the utility as may be designated. Actual construction of watermains and extensions shall be under the supervision of the public works committee of the common council.
  - (g) The board of commissioners shall submit its budget estimates for the succeeding year to the common council prior to the first day of October of each year. The finance committee shall review the estimates and report its findings to the common council. The council shall adopt an operating budget for the Water Works and Lighting Commission prior to the last day of November.
  - (h) The board of commissioners may make expenditures in accordance with the approved budget without

reference to the common council unless such expenditure exceeds budgeted amounts in any account or is for a purpose other than that for which said funds were budgeted. In all such cases, except where an emergency exists or where immediate payment is otherwise required by law, the board of commissioners shall request of the common council authority to reallocate funds for the stated purpose indicated. It shall require a two-thirds vote of the common council to approve such actions. (Wisconsin Statutes Section 65.90)

- (l) Departmental expenditures if approved by the commission shall be paid by the city treasurer as provided under Wisconsin Statute Section 66.042. Utility receipts are to be turned over to the city treasurer at least once a month.
  - (j) The board of commissioners shall submit to the common council a semi-annual report in writing of the financial condition of their department, said report to be submitted to the common council at its regular meetings in January and July of each year.
- (23) Other committees, boards commissions, and subcommittees may be formed as required by law or necessity to accomplish a public purpose not contrary to any provision of this Municipal Code. Such bodies may include, but not be limited to, a senior centers committee, an Americans with Disabilities Act advisory committee, a hazardous materials subcommittee, a public access advisory board, a school crossing guard committee, and a clock/bell memorial committee.
- (24) ADA Advisory Subcommittee (MC#686)
- (a) Creation and Membership. There is hereby created by the City of Wisconsin Rapids an ADA (Americans with Disabilities) Advisory Subcommittee to advise the common council on matters pertaining to ADA compliance. Such ad hoc committee is to serve at the pleasure of the common council as the need for compliance with the ADA dictates.
  - (b) Membership and appointment. The subcommittee shall consist of one alderperson representative of the council's Finance and Property Committee, one alderperson representative of the council's Human Resources Committee, and three citizen members. The alderperson members shall be appointed annually by the Finance and Property and Human Resources Committees at, or shortly thereafter, the annual reorganizational meeting of the council. The citizen members shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation of the council at the reorganizational meeting. Terms of the citizen members shall be for three years, except that, when first constituted under this ordinance, one citizen member shall serve a one-year term, one citizen member shall serve a two-year term, and one citizen member shall serve a three-year term. (MC#920)
- (25) MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL
- (a) Membership and appointment. The Mayor's Youth Council shall consist of approximately 30 junior high and high school citizen members who shall be selected by the Mayor. Terms shall commence on October 1 for a two-year term. In addition, at the discretion of the Mayor, Mayor's Youth Council advisors may be appointed to the Council as a nonvoting member to assist the Council by supplying direction and organizational guidance.
  - (b) Organization and meetings The Council shall organize by rotating roles consisting of discussion leaders and note-taker. The Council will have three permanent sub-committees: Legislative, Recreation, and Community. The Council may form ad hoc sub-committees as it deems necessary. The Council may adopt bylaws and other rules for the orderly conduct of its business.
  - (c) Functions and duties. The Council shall advise the Mayor, City Council, and other City officials on matters involving youth, their role, and their place in the City of Wisconsin Rapids. City Council Student Observers will report monthly to the City Council on the activities of the Council.
- 2.10 HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- (1) The City of Wisconsin Rapids shall operate its health department under the provisions of Chapter 141 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
  - (2) The powers and duties thereof shall be vested in a health officer to be appointed by the mayor.
    - (a) The mayor shall appoint the health officer of the City of Wisconsin Rapids for a two year term, as provided by Chapter 141 of the Wisconsin Statutes, subject to the approval of the common council, and his duties shall be as designated in accordance with local ordinance, state statutes, and the administrative rules of the state board of health and shall receive such compensation as the council may fix.
  - (3) The mayor shall appoint a deputy health officer subject to confirmation by the common council and shall

receive such compensation as the common council may fix including actual and necessary expenses.

- (a) The deputy may do all of the acts required to be done by the health officer and he shall, in case of vacancy, the sickness, or absence of the health officer, act in his place.
- (b) Duties. The deputy health officer, under the direction of the health officer and/or the mayor shall:
  - (1) Make an annual sanitary survey and maintain continuous sanitary supervision over the city
  - (2) Make a sanitary inspection periodically of all school buildings and places of public assemblage, and report thereon to those responsible for the maintenance thereof
  - (3) Promote the spread of information as to the causes, nature, and prevention of prevalent diseases and the preservation and improvement of health
  - (4) Enforce the health laws and the rules of city related thereto
  - (5) Keep and deliver to a successor a record of all official acts
  - (6) Report to the health officer, mayor, and common council as required. A monthly report of activities shall be reported to the common council.
  - (7) Shall provide supportive services to the chief housing official in the administration and enforcement of Chapter 9, the Municipal Housing Code.
  - (8) Shall provide services as provided for in Chapter 20 of the Municipal Code concerning licenses, permits, and business regulations.
  - (9) Shall provide services as provided for in Chapter 21 of the Municipal Code concerning nuisances.
  - (10) Shall provide services as provided for in Chapter 22 of the Municipal Code concerning fermented malt beverages.
  - (11) Shall provide services as provided for in Chapter 23 of the Municipal Code concerning intoxicating liquor.
  - (12) Shall provide services as provided for in Chapter 24 of the Municipal Code concerning mobile homes and mobile home parks.
  - (13) Shall provide services as provided for in Chapter 25 of the Municipal Code concerning offenses against public welfare, safety, morals, and peace.
  - (14) The deputy health officer shall have all authority reasonably required to insure compliance with those areas of the municipal code defined to be within the jurisdiction of the health officer and/or deputy health officer.

## 2.11 EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT

- (1) Policy and Purpose.
  - (a) To ensure that the City of Wisconsin Rapids will be prepared to cope with emergencies resulting from enemy action and with emergencies resulting from natural disasters, an emergency government organization is created to carry out the purpose set out in the Wisconsin Statutes.
  - (b) Definitions. As used in this ordinance:
    - (1) Enemy Action means any hostile action taken by a foreign power which threatens the security of the State of Wisconsin.
    - (2) Emergency Government means all those activities and measures designed or undertaken:
      - (a) to minimize the effects upon the civilian population caused by enemy action;
      - (b) to deal with the immediate emergency conditions which could be created by such enemy action; and
      - (c) to effectuate emergency repairs to, or the emergency restoration of, vital public utilities and facilities destroyed or damaged by such enemy action
    - (3) Natural Disaster means extraordinary misfortunes affecting the city, natural or man-made, not included in the term "enemy action".
- (2) City Emergency Government Committee.
  - (a) There is hereby an emergency government committee composed of as many members as may be determined by the common council, by resolution, who shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the confirmation of the common council, and who shall serve without compensation. The chairperson shall be elected by the committee annually at its first meeting after the council reorganization meeting, and the deputy emergency government director shall serve as secretary of the committee.
  - (b) Duties of City Emergency Government Committee. The city emergency government committee shall be

- an advisory and planning group and shall advise the city emergency government director and the common council on all matters pertaining to civil defense. It shall meet upon call of the chairperson.
- (c) The city's emergency government committee shall implement this ordinance by entering into agreements with the county and other participating municipalities as hereinafter defined.
- (3) County Municipal Emergency Government Director and Deputy.
- (a) Joint Director. There is hereby created an office of city emergency government director. The county emergency government director shall also hold the office of emergency government director of the City of Wisconsin Rapids, and in addition to his duties as county emergency government director, he shall have the additional duties and responsibilities of a municipal emergency government director as set out in the Wisconsin Statutes and such other duties as may be given him by the emergency government committees of the county, City of Wisconsin Rapids, and other participating municipalities.
- (b) Appointment. The director shall be nominated by the county emergency government committee and the emergency government committees of each of the participating municipalities acting jointly. He shall be appointed by the county board and the governing body of each participating municipality. The county/municipal emergency government director shall be a full-time position and he shall hold office at the pleasure of the county board and the governing body of each municipality.
- (c) The county/municipal emergency government director shall be considered to be an employee of the county not under civil service and he shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges, and benefits that county employees have.
- (d) A deputy director of emergency government for the City of Wisconsin Rapids is hereby created. The deputy director shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the common council, and shall receive such salary as may be authorized by the common council. He shall take and file any official oath.
- (e) Assistant directors may be appointed by the director, subject to the approval of the emergency government committee, as may be deemed necessary, and such appointees shall received such compensation, if any, as may be determined by the common council.
- (f) A custodian is hereby appointed for the security use, and maintenance of all surplus property as provided by regulations, said custodian to be the recipient department head, or his/her successor in office. (MC#76)
- (4) Sharing of Costs. The county board shall provide offices, office furniture, and such stenographic help as may be necessary for the position of county/municipal emergency government director and the cost thereof, including salaries, wages, necessary expenses, and other employee benefits shall be initially borne 100% by Wood County. However, the agreement required by Section 2.18(2)(c) shall provide for the fair share of the costs of this program to be borne by each individual participating municipality to the county.
- (5) Joint Action. Whenever it is deemed necessary, be it either the county emergency government committee or the municipal emergency government committee, a joint meeting shall be held to decide such matters as may arise.
- (6) Duties of the County/Municipal Emergency Government Director.
- (a) The director, in his capacity as county director, subject to the control and direction of the emergency government committee and under general supervision, shall:
- (1) Develop and promulgate civil defense plans for the county, consistent with the state plan of emergency government;
  - (2) Coordinate and assist the development of municipal civil defense plans within the county, and integrate such plan with the county plan;
  - (3) Direct the county emergency government program;
  - (4) Direct county-wide emergency government training programs and exercises;
  - (5) Advise the state director of all emergency government planning for the county and render such reports as may be required by the state director.
  - (6) In the case of a state of emergency proclaimed by the governor, direct the county emergency government activities and coordinate the municipal emergency government activities within the county, subject to the coordinating authority of the state director; and
  - (7) Perform such other duties relating to civil defense as may be required by the county board.
- (b) The director, in his capacity as city director, subject to the control and directions of the governing body of the participating municipality shall:

- (1) Direct the city emergency government organization;
  - (2) Develop and promulgate emergency government plans for the city, consistent with the state plan of emergency government and which meet the minimum standards for compliance as required by the state director;
  - (3) Direct city emergency government training programs and exercises;
  - (4) Direct participation of the city in such emergency government training programs and exercises as may be required on the county level or by the state directors.
  - (5) Cause the emergency government plans for the city to be filed with the plans of other municipalities in the county, as well as, reports required on the county level;
  - (6) In case of a state of emergency proclaimed by the governor, direct the activities of the city emergency government organization with the participating municipalities.
- (7) Other Emergencies.
- (a) In the event the governor determines that an emergency exists out of natural or man-made disasters, then the county civil defense organization, including the county/municipal director may be employed by the county board and the governing body of each participating municipality to cope with the problem of the emergency.
  - (b) In the event of an emergency affecting only the County of Wood, when the county board may employ the county emergency government organization, the county/municipal director, the facilities, and others resources of said organizations to cope with the problems of local public emergencies except where restrictions are imposed on property donated by the federal government. No such emergency declaration shall extend beyond 60 days, or the next meeting of the respective county board, city council, or village board, whichever occurs first.
  - (c) In the event of an emergency affecting only the City of Wisconsin Rapids, then the common council or mayor may employ the city emergency government organization, the county emergency government organization, the city director, the facilities, and other resources of said organization to cope with the problems of local public emergencies except where restrictions are imposed on property donated by the federal government.
- (8) Penalties. It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to obstruct, hinder, or delay any member of the emergency government organization in the enforcement of any order, rules, regulation, or plan issued pursuant to this ordinance, or to do any act forbidden by any order, rule, regulation, or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this ordinance. For a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, he shall forfeit not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00, and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding 90 days.
- (9) Ratification of County Ordinances. A joint action ordinance of the board of supervisors of Wood County providing for a county/municipal joint action emergency government defense plan of organization adopted by said county board, which is similar to this ordinance, is hereby ratified and accepted by the City of Wisconsin Rapids; and this ratification and acceptance of the joint action ordinance shall constitute a mutual agreement between the City of Wisconsin Rapids and the County of Wood, as provided by Section II(C) of said joint action ordinance and Section 2.18(2)(c) of this ordinance.

#### 2.12 MUNICIPAL RESERVE FUND (Charter Ordinance 105)

- (1) There is hereby established in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, a fund, separate and distinct from every other fund, and designated as the "Municipal Reserve Fund". The source of said fund shall be such moneys or securities, from any source whatsoever as the common council may, by resolution and by a two-thirds vote, from time to time direct to be paid into said fund.
- (2) The city treasurer shall keep a separate record, relating to such fund, including an accurate account of the transaction, investments, earnings, and expenditures, and shall make a report annually to the common council at their regular meeting in March of each year.
- (3) The Finance and Property Committee of the common council shall from time to time recommend to the common council the investment of said fund, or part thereof, as it accrues. Disbursements, investments, sales, or transfers of any securities held in said fund shall be, by resolution of the common council, on checks or city orders, be signed by the mayor, the city clerk, and the city treasurer. (MC#920)
- (4) All interest or income earned by said fund on its investments shall, when it accrues, be added to said fund to augment the same for the purposes for which the fund is provided, unless otherwise provided by a majority

vote of the common council.

- (5) Said Municipal Reserve Fund, or any part thereof, may be expended for any municipal purpose with the consent of four-fifths of the members of the common council.
- (6) The city treasurer shall keep all cash on hand, belonging to said reserve fund, in a separate account in one of the depositories in the city and shall be designated by the finance committee of the common council. The said Finance and Property Committee shall also designate a suitable, safe depository wherein the city treasurer shall keep all bonds or other securities in which said fund shall be invested. (MC#920)
- (7) This is a charter ordinance and shall take effect 60 days after its passage and publication, unless within such 60 days a referendum petition shall be filed, as provided by Section 66.01 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in which event, this ordinance shall not take effect until submitted to a referendum, and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon. (Passed October 6, 1942)

#### 2.13 VACANCY IN OFFICES

- (1) Means of Offices Becoming Vacant. Any appointive public office, including membership upon any board of commissions of the City of Wisconsin Rapids shall become vacant upon the happening of any one of the following events:
  - (a) The death of the incumbent.
  - (b) The incumbent's resignation.
  - (c) The incumbent's removal.
  - (d) The incumbent ceasing to be a resident of the City of Wisconsin Rapids.
  - (e) The incumbent's conviction, by a state or United States court, of and sentence for treason, felony, or other crime whatsoever nature punishable by imprisonment in any jail or prison for one year or more, or his conviction by any such court of and sentence for any offense involving a violation of his official oath, in either case whether on not sentenced to imprisonment. A vacancy so created shall in no case be affected by a stay or execution of judgment. Reversal of the judgment against such officer shall forthwith restore the person to office, if the term for which he was appointed has not expired, but in any event, shall entitle him to the emoluments of the period for which he was convicted and sentenced; but pardon shall not restore him to office or entitle him to any of the emoluments thereof.
  - (f) The decision of a competent tribunal declaring void his appointment or adjudging him.
  - (g) The neglect or refusal of any person appointed or reappointed to any office to take and file his official oath or to execute or renew his official bond, if required, or to file the same or either thereof in the manner and within the time prescribed by law.
  - (h) The death or declination in writing of any person appointed to fill a vacancy or for a full term before he qualified, or his death, or such declination before the time when, by law, he should enter upon the duties of his office to which he was appointed.
  - (i) On the happening of any other event which is declared by any special provision of law to create a vacancy. (199)

#### 2.14 PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION BY THE CITY (MC #1234)

- (1) The common council may provide that any class of public construction, or any part thereof, may be done directly by the city without submitting the same for bids. This ordinance is drafted to incorporate the provisions of Section 62.15(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes. (MC#119)
- (2) Special Assessment Procedures are defined as follows:
  - (a) In addition to other methods provided by law, special assessments for any public work or improvement or any current service may be levied in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.
  - (b) Whenever the governing body shall determine that any public work or improvement or any current service shall be financed in whole or in part by special assessments levied under this ordinance, it shall adopt a resolution specifying this intention and the time, either before or after completion of the work or improvement, when the amount of the assessments will be determined and levied, the number of annual installments, if any, in which assessments may be paid, the rate of interest to be charged on the unpaid balance and the terms on which any of the assessments may be deferred while no use of the improvement is made in connection with the property.
  - (c) The provisions of §66.0703, Stats., shall apply to special assessments levied under this ordinance except that, when the governing body determines by resolution that the hearing on the assessments

be held subsequent to the completion of the work or improvement or the rendering of the service, the report required by §66.0703(4), Stats., shall contain a statement of the final cost of the work, service or improvement in lieu of an estimate of the cost.

- (d) Notice of the time and place of the public hearing on any special assessment proposed to be levied and notice of the final assessment and terms of payment thereof shall be given in the manner prescribed by §66.0703(7) and (8)(d), Stats.
- (e) Any person against whose property a special assessment is levied under this ordinance may appeal therefrom in the manner prescribed by §66.0703(12), Stats, within 40 days of the date of the final determination of the governing body.

## 2.15 MAINTENANCE AND DESTRUCTION OF AND ACCESS TO CITY RECORDS (MC#294)

### (1) Definitions.

- (a) Authority means any of the following city entities having custody of a city record: an office, elected official, agency, board, commission, committee, council, department, or public body corporate and politic created by constitution, law, ordinance, rule, or order; or a formally constituted sub-unit of the foregoing.
- (b) Custodian means that officer, department head, division head, or employee of the city designated under subsection (3) or otherwise responsible by law to keep and preserve any city records or file, deposit or keep such records in his or her office, or is lawfully in possession or entitled to possession of such public records and who is required by this section to respond to requests for access to such records.
- (c) Record means any material on which written, drawn, printed, spoken, visual, or electromagnetic information is recorded or preserved, regardless of physical form or characteristics, which has been created or is being kept by any authority. "Record" includes, but is not limited to, handwritten, typed, or printed pages, maps, charts, photographs, films, recordings, tapes (including computer tapes), and computer printouts. "Record" does not include drafts, notes, preliminary computations, and like materials prepared for the originator's personal use or prepared by the originator in the name of a person for whom the originator is working; materials which are purely the personal property of the custodian and have no relations to his or her office; materials to which access is limited by copyright, patent or bequest; and published materials in the possession of an authority other than a public library which are available for sale, or which are available for inspection at a public library.

### (2) Duty to Maintain Records.

- (a) Except as provided under subsection (7), each officer and employee of the city shall safely keep and preserve all records received from his or her predecessor or other persons and required by law to be filed, deposited, or kept in his or her office or which are in the lawful possession or control of the officer or employee or his or her deputies, or to the possession or control of which he or she or they may be lawfully entitled as such officers or employees.
- (b) Upon the expiration of an officer's term of office, or an employee's term of employment, or whenever the office or position of employment becomes vacant, each such officer or employee shall deliver to his or her successor all records then in his or her custody and the successor shall receipt therefore to the officer or employee, who shall file said receipt with the city clerk. If a vacancy occurs before the successor is selected or qualifies, such records shall be delivered to and receipted for by the clerk, on behalf of the successor, to be delivered to such successor upon the latter's receipt.

### (3) Legal Custodians.

- (a) Each elected official is the legal custodian of his or her records and the records of his or her office, but the official may designate an employee of his or her staff to act as the legal custodian.
- (b) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the city clerk or the clerk's designee shall act as legal custodian for the common council and for any committees, commission, boards, or other authorities created by ordinance or resolution of the common council.
- (c) For every authority not specified in subsection (a) of (b), the authority's chief administrative officer is the legal custodian for the authority, but the officer may designate an employee of his or her staff to act as the legal custodian.
- (d) Each legal custodian shall name a person to act as legal custodian in his or her absence or the absence of his or her designee.



- (e) The legal custodian shall have full legal power to render decisions and to carry out the duties of an authority under Section 19.11, Wisconsin Statutes, and this section. The designation of a legal custodian does not affect the powers and duties of an authority under this section.
- (4) Public Access to Records.
- (a) Except as provided in subsection (6), any person has a right to inspect a record and to make or receive a copy of any record as provided in Section 19.35(1), Wisconsin Statutes.
  - (b) Records will be available for inspection and copying during all regular office hours.
  - (c) If regular office hours are not maintained at the location where records are kept, the records will be available for inspection and copying upon at least 48 hours' advance notice or intent to inspect or copy.
  - (d) A requester shall be permitted to use facilities comparable to those available to city employees to inspect, copy, or abstract a record.
  - (e) The legal custodian may require supervision during inspection or may impose other reasonable restrictions on the manner of access to an original record if the record is irreplaceable or easily damaged.
  - (f) A requester shall be charged a fee to defray the cost of locating and copying records as follows:
    - (1) The cost of photocopying shall be \$.25 per page. Said cost has been calculated not to exceed the actual, necessary, and direct cost of reproducing.
    - (2) If the form of a written record does not permit copying, the actual and necessary cost of photographing and photographic processing shall be charged.
    - (3) The actual full cost of providing a copy of other records not in printed form on paper, such as films, computer printouts, and audio or video tapes, shall be charged.
    - (4) If mailing or shipping is necessary, the actual cost thereof shall be charged.
    - (5) There shall be no charge for locating a record unless the actual cost therefore exceeds \$50.00, in which case the actual cost shall be determined by the legal custodian and billed to the requester.
    - (6) The legal custodian shall estimate the cost of all applicable fees and may require a cash deposit to assure payment, if such estimate exceed \$5.00.
    - (7) Elected and appointed officials of the City of Wisconsin Rapids shall not be required to pay for public records they may reasonably require for the proper performance of their official duties.
    - (8) The legal custodian may provide copies of a record without charge or at a reduced charge where he or she determines that waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest.
  - (g) Pursuant to Section 19.34, Wisconsin Statutes, and the guidelines therein listed, each authority shall adopt, prominently display, and make available for inspection and copying at its offices, for the guidance of the public, a notice containing a description of its organization and the established time and places at which the legal custodian, from whom, and the methods whereby, the public may obtain information and access to records in its custody, make requests for records, or obtain copies of records, and the costs thereof. Each authority shall also prominently display at its offices, for the guidance of the public, a copy of subsection (4) through (6) of this ordinance. This subsection does not apply to members of the common council.
- (5) Access Procedures.
- (a) A request to inspect a copy of a record shall be made to the legal custodian. A request shall be deemed sufficient if it reasonably describes the requested record or the information requested. However, a request for a record without a reasonable limitation as to subject matter or length of time represented by the record does not constitute a sufficient request. A request may be made orally, but a request must be in writing before an action to enforce the request is commenced under Section 19.35, Wisconsin Statutes. Except as provided below, no request may be refused because the person making the request is unwilling to be identified or to state the purpose of the request. No request may be refused because the request is received by mail, unless prepayment of the fee is required under subsection (4)(f)(6). A requester may be required to show acceptable identification whenever the requested record is kept at a private residence or whenever security reasons or federal law or regulations so require.
  - (b) Each custodian, upon request for any record, shall as soon as practicable and without delay, either fill the request or notify the requester of the authority's determination to deny the request in whole or in

part and the reasons therefore. If the legal custodian, after conferring with the city attorney, determines that a written request is so general as to be unduly time consuming, the party making the request may first be required to itemize his or her request in a manner which would permit reasonable compliance.

- (c) A request for a record may be denied, as provided in subsection (6). If a request is made orally, the request may be denied orally, unless a demand for a written statement of the reasons denying the request is made by the requester within five business days of the oral denial. If a written request is denied in whole or in part, the requester shall receive a written statement of the reasons for denying the request. Every written denial of a request shall inform the requester that if the request for the record was made in writing, then the determination is subject to review, upon petition for a writ of mandamus under Section 19.37(1), Wisconsin Statutes, or upon application to the attorney general or a district attorney.

(6) Limitations on Right to Access.

- (a) As provided in Section 19.36, Wisconsin Statutes, the following records are exempt from inspection under this section:
  - (1) Records specifically exempted from disclosure by state or federal law or authorized to be exempted from disclosure by state law;
  - (2) Any record relating to investigative information obtained for law enforcement purposes if federal law or regulations require exemption from disclosure or if exemption from disclosure is a condition to receipt of aids by the state;
  - (3) Computer programs, although the material used as input for a computer program or the material produced as a product of the computer program is subject to inspection; and
  - (4) A record or any portion of a record containing information qualifying as a common law trade secret.
  - (5) Income and expense information pursuant to Section 70.47(7)(af), Wisconsin Statutes, or any successor statute thereto, except that the information may be revealed to and used by persons in the discharging of duties imposed by law; in the discharge of duties imposed by office including, but not limited to, use by the assessor in performance of official duties of the assessor's office and use by the board of review in performance of its official duties; or pursuant to order of a court. Income and expense information provided to the assessor under Section 70.47(7)(af), unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is, per Section 70.47(7)(af), not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Section 19.35(1), Wisconsin Statutes. (MC#868)
- (b) As provided in Section 43.30, Wisconsin Statutes, public library circulation records are exempt from inspection under this section.
- (c) In responding to a request for inspection or copying of a record which is not specifically exempt from disclosure, the legal custodian, after conferring with the city attorney, may deny the request, in whole or in part, only if he or she determines that the harm to the public interest resulting from disclosure would outweigh the public interest in full access to the requested record. Examples of matters for which disclosure may be refused include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (1) Records obtained under official pledges of confidentiality which were necessary and given in order to obtain the information contained in them.
  - (2) Records of current deliberations after a quasi-judicial hearing.
  - (3) Records of current deliberations concerning employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, compensation, performance, or discipline of any city officer or employee, or the investigation of charges against a city officer or employee, unless such officer or employee consents to such disclosure.
  - (4) Records concerning current strategy for crime detection or prevention.
  - (5) Records of current deliberations or negotiations on the purchase of city property, investing of city funds, and other city business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require nondisclosure.
  - (6) Financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons which, if disclosed, would like have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such history or data.

- (7) Communications between legal counsel for the city and any officer, agent, or employee of the city, when advice is being rendered concerning strategy with respect to current litigation in which the city or any of its officers, agents, or employees is or is likely to become involved, or communications which are privileged under Section 905.03, Wisconsin Statutes.
- (d) If a record contains information that may be made public and information that may not be made public, the custodian of the record shall provide the information that may be made public and delete the information that may not be made public from the record before release. The custodian shall confer with the city attorney prior to releasing any such record and shall follow the guidance of the city attorney when separating out the exempt material. If in the judgment of the custodian and the city attorney there is no feasible way to separate the exempt material from the non-exempt material without unreasonable jeopardizing nondisclosure of the exempt material, the entire record shall be withheld from disclosure.
- (7) Destruction of Records. (MC#647)
  - (a) City officers may destroy the following non-utility financial records of which they are the legal custodians and which are considered obsolete, after completion of any required audit by the bureau of municipal audit or an auditor licensed under Chapter 442, Wisconsin Statutes, but no less than seven years after payment or receipt of any sum involved in the particular transaction, unless a shorter period has been fixed by the state public records board pursuant to Section 16.61(3)(e) and then after such shorter period:
    - (1) Payment statements, deposit books, slips, and stubs.
    - (2) Bonds and coupons after maturity.
    - (3) Canceled checks, duplicates, and check stubs.
    - (4) License and permit applications, stubs, and duplications.
    - (5) Payroll and other time and employment records of personnel included under the Wisconsin Retirement Fund.
    - (6) Receipt forms.
    - (7) Special assessment records.
    - (8) Vouchers, requisitions, purchase orders, and all other supporting documents pertaining thereto.
  - (b) City officers may destroy the following utility records of which they are legal custodians and which are considered obsolete after completion of any required audit of the bureau of municipal audit or an auditor licensed under Chapter 442, Wisconsin Statutes, subject to state public service commission regulations, but not less than seven years after the record was effective unless a shorter period has been fixed by the state public records board pursuant to Section 16.61(3)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, and then after such a shorter period, except that water stubs, receipts of current billings, and customers' ledgers may be destroyed after two years.
    - (1) Assessment rolls and related records including board of review minutes.
    - (2) Contracts and papers relating thereto.
    - (3) Correspondence and communications.
    - (4) Financial reports other than annual financial reports.
    - (5) Insurance policies.
    - (6) Justice dockets.
    - (7) Oaths of office.
    - (8) Reports of boards, commissions, committees, and officials duplicated in the official common council minutes.
    - (9) Resolutions and petitions.
    - (10) Voter records.
  - (c) City officers may destroy the following police department records of which they are legal custodians and which are considered obsolete, in less than seven years, as approved by the state public records board, pursuant to Section 16.61(3)(e), Wisconsin Statutes. These listed records may be destroyed under the following time table:
    - (1) Officer's electronic taped reports of incident complaints, after they have been reduced to written form.
    - (2) Tapes of statements given to police, six months or when reduced to written form and signed.

- (3) Tapes of police telephone recordings, six months.
- (4) Written warning violations, one year.
- (5) Parking violation tickets and related correspondence, one year.
- (6) Uniformed traffic citations, one year after disposition.
- (7) City ordinance citations, one year after disposition.
- (8) Police teletype messages, one year.
- (d) Destruction After Request for Inspection. No requested record may be destroyed until after the request is granted or 60 days after the request is denied. If an action is commenced under Section 19.37, Wisconsin Statutes, the requested record may not be destroyed until a court order is issued and all appeals have been completed. (See Section 19.35(5), Wisconsin Statutes)
- (e) Destruction Pending Litigation. No record subject to pending litigation shall be destroyed until the litigation has been resolved.
- (f) Unless notice is waived by the state historical society, at least 60 days' notice shall be given the state historical society prior to the destruction of any records as provided by Section 19.21(4)(a), Wisconsin Statutes. The State Historical Society of Wisconsin (SHSW) has waived the 60-day statutory notice under Section 19.21(5)(d), Wisconsin Statutes, for the records marked "W" which designates "waived notice". The SHSW must be notified prior to destruction of records marked "N" designating "non-waiver". "N/A" indicates that notification is not applicable and applies to all records designated for permanent retention by the office of origin.
- (g) Any tape recordings of a governmental meeting of the city may be destroyed, erased, or reused no sooner than 90 days after the minutes of the meeting have been approved and published if the purpose of the recording was to make minutes of the meeting.
- (h) Limitation. This section shall not be construed to authorize the destruction of any public record prior to the time prescribed by statutes or state administration regulations where such time periods conflict with those stipulated herein.
- (8) Preservation through Microfilm. Any city officers, or the director of any department or division of city government may keep and preserve public records in his or her possession by means of microfilm or other photographic reproduction method. Such records shall meet the standards for photographic reproduction set forth in Section 16.61(7)(a) and (b), Wisconsin Statutes, and shall be considered original records for all purposes. Such records shall be preserved along with other files of the department or division and shall be open to public inspection and copying according to the provisions of state law and of subsections (4) through (6) of this ordinance.
- (9) Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If a section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance.

#### 2.16 DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED PROPERTY (MC#739)

- (1) Section 66.28 of the Wisconsin Statutes, entitled "DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED PROPERTY", is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this code as is fully set forth therein.
- (2) Sections 170.07, 170.08, 170.09, 170.10, and 170.105, pertaining to lost and found chattels, are hereby incorporated by reference and are made a part of this code as are fully set forth therein.

#### 2.17 CITATIONS AUTHORIZED (MC#451)

The Common Council of the City of Wisconsin Rapids hereby authorizes the use of citations to be issued for violations of ordinances including ordinances for which a statutory counterpart exists.

#### 2.18 GENERAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION (MC#474)

- (1) The provisions of 74.12, Wisconsin Statutes, are adopted and incorporated by reference into this chapter, and real estate taxes, personal property taxes, and special assessments shall be paid accordingly.
  - (a) Special assessments placed in the tax roll shall be paid in full on or before January 31 of each year commencing in 1990.
  - (b) Personal property taxes shall be paid in full on or before January 31 of each year commencing in 1990.
  - (c) Real estate taxes shall be paid in full in three equal installments as follows:

- (1) 1st installment: on or before January 31 of each year
- (2) 2nd installment: on or before April 30 of each year
- (3) 3rd installment: on or before July 31 of each year
- (d) If the total real property tax is less than \$150.00, it shall be paid in full on or before January 31 of each year.

2.19 HOTEL AND MOTEL ROOM TAX (MC#509)

(1) Definitions. In this section:

- (a) Economic Development means the broadening and strengthening of the economy of the city by supporting and assisting private and/or public organizations in their efforts to foster the expansion of existing commercial or industrial enterprises and to initiate efforts to attract new enterprises.
- (b) Hotel or Motel means a building, or group of buildings, in which the public may obtain accommodations for a consideration, including, without limitation, such establishments as inns, motels, tourist homes, tourist houses or courts, lodging houses, rooming houses, summer camps, apartment hotels, resort lodges and cabins, and any other building or group of buildings in which accommodations are available to the public except accommodations rented for a continuous period of more than one month and by corporations for charitable or educational purposes provided that no part of the net earnings of such corporations and associations inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- (c) Gross Receipt has the meaning as defined in Sections 77.51(4)(a), (b), and (c), Wisconsin Statutes, in so far as applicable. (MC#1003)
- (d) Recreational Purposes shall be interpreted broadly to encompass all leisure activities and pursuits for all people, from the youngest to the oldest, and shall include, but not be limited to, funding for athletic activities, cultural activities, amusements, and pastimes, as well as parks, facilities, and equipment for any of these.
- (e) Tourism means the promotion of conventions, vacations, festivals, special events, and attractions, either through direct funding or advertising.
- (f) Transient means any person residing for a continuous period of less than one month in a hotel, motel, or other furnished accommodations available to the public.

(2) Imposition of Tax. Pursuant to Section 66.0615, Wisconsin Statutes, a tax is hereby imposed on the privilege and service of furnishing, at retail, of rooms or lodging to transients by hotelkeepers, motel operators, and other persons furnishing accommodations that are available to the public, irrespective of whether membership is required for the use of the accommodations, but such tax shall apply only if such services are subject to the Wisconsin sales tax imposed by Sections 77.52 through 77.62, Wisconsin Statutes. Such tax shall be at the rate of 8% of the gross receipts from such retail furnishing of rooms or lodgings. Such tax shall not be subject to the selective sales tax imposed by Section 77.52(2)(a)(1), Wisconsin Statutes. (MC#1003)

(3) Tax Monies.

- (a) Collection of Tax. The city treasurer shall be the administrator of the tax collection. The tax imposed for the months of July, August, and September of 1990, and for each calendar quarter hereafter is due and payable on the last day of the month next succeeding the calendar quarter for which imposed. A return shall be filed with the city treasurer by those furnishing, at retail, such rooms and lodging, on or before the same date on which such tax is due and payable. Such return shall show the gross receipts of the preceding calendar quarter from such retail furnishing of rooms or lodging, the amount of taxes imposed for such period, and such other information as the city treasurer deems necessary. Every person required to file such quarterly return shall, with his first return, elect to file an annual calendar year or fiscal year return. Such annual return shall be filed within 90 days of the close of each such calendar or fiscal year. The annual return shall summarize the quarterly returns, reconcile, and adjust for errors in the quarterly returns, and shall contain certain such additional information as the city treasurer requires. Such returns shall be made on forms as prescribed by the city treasurer. All such returns shall be signed by the person required to file a return or his duly authorized agent, but need not be verified by oath. The city treasurer may, for good cause, extend the time for filing any return, but in no event longer than one month from the filing date.
- (b) Distribution of Tax. Commencing with the calendar year 1991, the room tax collection shall be

allocated as follows:

- (1) The monies collected shall go into a special revenue fund to be used for recreational purposes and to promote economic development and tourism as determined by the common council.
  - (a) The common council shall evaluate all requests and/or suggestions for specific use of the special revenue fund in any of the categories in Section 2.19(3)(b)(1). (MC#920)
  - (b) The common council shall develop such policies as may be necessary to accept such request and/or suggestions. Policies, as derived, shall be submitted to the common council for approval. (MC#920)
- (2) The Finance and Property Committee of the common council shall appropriate money from the special revenue fund for the requests and/or suggestions approved by the common council. (MC#920)
- (c) The monies that have accumulated in the special revenue fund prior to and/or during each calendar quarter shall be allocated during the second month following the end of the calendar quarter, according to the appropriations approved by the common council under procedure allowed in 2.19(3)(b). This allocation may include funds to be used for a future named or unnamed project. The percentages in the three categories listed in Section 2.19(3)(b)(1) shall remain flexible to allow for variation from year to year as determined by the common council, but shall not be less than 3% for any one of the three categories. (MC#1003)
- (4) Permit Required. Every person furnishing rooms or lodging under subsection (2) shall file with the city clerk an application for a permit for each place of business. Every application for a permit shall be made upon a form prescribed by the city clerk and shall set forth the name under which the applicant transacts or intends to transact business, the location of his place of business, and such other information as the city clerk requires. The application shall be signed by the owner, if a sole proprietor, and if not a sole proprietor, by the person authorized to act on behalf of such sellers. At the time of making an application, the applicant shall pay a one-time fee, to the city treasurer, of \$5.00 for each permit.
- (5) Permit Regulations. After compliance with subsection (4) and subsection (14) by the applicant, the city clerk shall grant and issue to each applicant a separate permit for each place of business within the city. Such permit is not assignable and is valid only for the person in whose name it is issued and for the transaction of business at the place designated therein. It shall at all times be conspicuously displayed at the place for which issued.
- (6) Suspension or Revocation of Permits. Whenever any person fails to comply with this section, the city clerk may, upon 10 days' notification and after affording such person the opportunity to show cause why his permit should not be revoked, revoke or suspend any or all of the permits held by such person. The city clerk shall give to such person written notice of the suspension or revocation of any of his permits. The city clerk shall not issue a new permit after the revocation of a permit unless he is satisfied that the former holder of the permit will comply with the provisions of this section. A fee of \$10.00 shall be imposed for the renewal or issuance of a permit which has been previously suspended or revoked.
- (7) Liability for Tax. If any person liable for any amount of tax under this section sells out his business, or stock of goods, or quits the business, his successors or assigns shall withhold sufficient of the purchase price to cover such amount until the former owner produces a receipt from the city treasurer that he has been paid, or a certificate stating that no amount is due. If a person subject to the tax imposed by this section fails to withhold such amount of tax from the purchase price as required, he shall become personally liable for payment of the amount required to be withheld by him to the extent of the price of the accommodations valued in money.
- (8) Office Audit. The city treasurer may, by office audit, determine the tax required to be paid to the city or the refund due to any person under this section. This determination may be made upon the basis of the facts contained in the return being audited or on the basis of any other information within the city treasurer's possession. One or more such office audit determinations may be made of the amount due for any one or for more than one period.
- (9) Field Audit. The city treasurer may, by field audit, determine the tax required to be paid to the city or the refund due to any person under this section. The determination may be made upon the basis of the facts contained in the return being audited or upon any other information within the city treasurer's possession. The city treasurer is authorized to examine and inspect the books, records, memoranda, and property of any person in order to verify the tax liability of that person or of another person. Nothing herein shall prevent the city treasurer from

- making a determination of tax at any time.
- (10) Estimated Assessment. If any person fails to file a return as required by this section, the city treasurer shall make an estimate of the amount of the gross receipts under subsection (2). Such estimate shall be made for the period for which such person failed to make a return and shall be based upon any information which is in the city treasurer's possession or may come into his possession. On the basis of this estimate, the city treasurer shall compute and determine the amount required to be paid to the city, adding to this sum a penalty equal to 5% thereof. One or more such determinations may be made for one or more than one period.
- (11) Interest. All unpaid taxes under this section shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the due date of the return until the first day of the month following the month in which the tax is paid or deposited with the city treasurer. All refunded taxes shall bear interest at 12% per annum from the due date of the return until the first day of the month in which said taxes are refunded. An extension of time within which to file a return shall not operate to extend the due date of the return for purposes of interest computation. If the city treasurer determines that an overpayment of tax has been made intentionally, or by reason of carelessness or neglect, or if the tax which was overpaid was not accompanied by a complete return, he shall not allow any interest thereon.
- (12) Late Filing Fee. Delinquent tax returns shall be subject to a \$10.00 late filing fee. The tax imposed by this section shall become delinquent if not paid:
- (a) In the case of timely filed return, within 30 days after expiration of an extension period if one has been granted.
- (b) In the case of no return filed or a return filed late, by the due date of the return.
- (13) Non- or Late-filing Penalty. If due to negligence, no return is filed, or a return is filed late, or an incorrect return is filed, the entire tax finally determined shall be subject to a penalty of \$25.00, exclusive of interest or other penalties. If a person fails to file a return when due, or files a false or fraudulent return with the intent in either case to defeat or evade the tax imposed by this section, a penalty of \$25.00 shall be added to the tax required to be paid, exclusive of interest and other penalties.
- (14) Security Required. In the event any person has been guilty of two or more violations of the provisions of subsections (12) or (13) of this section, the city clerk shall require such person to place with the city treasurer security in the amount of \$20.00 per rental unit, but in no case less than \$500.00 total. If any such person fails or refuses to place such security, the city clerk may revoke his permit. If any taxpayer is thereafter delinquent in the payment of the taxes imposed by this section, the city treasurer may, upon 10 days' notice, recover the taxes, interest, and penalties from the security placed with the him by such taxpayer. No interest shall be paid by the city to any person for the deposit of such security.
- (15) Records. Every person liable for the tax imposed by this section shall keep or cause to be kept such records, receipts, invoices, and other pertinent papers in such form as the city treasurer requires.
- (16) (a) Confidentiality. All tax returns, schedules, exhibits, writings, or audit reports relating to such returns, on file with the city treasurer, are deemed to be confidential, except the city treasurer may divulge their contents to the following and no other:
- (1) The person who filed the return
- (2) Officers, agents, or employees of the Federal Internal Revenue Service or the State Department of Revenue
- (3) The assessor, city attorney, city clerk, mayor, and Finance and Property Committee chairperson. (MC#920)
- (4) Such other public officials of the City of Wisconsin Rapids as may be deemed necessary by the city treasurer
- (b) No person having an administrative duty under this section shall make known in any manner, the business affairs, operations, or information obtained by an investigation of records of any person on whom the tax is imposed by this section, or the amount or source of income, profits, losses, expenditures, or any particular thereof, set forth or disclosed in any return, or to permit any return or copy thereof to be seen or examined by any person, except as provided in subsection (16)(a).
- (17) Tax Collection Fee. Any person, firm, corporation, or association which collects and remits the tax imposed by this section shall be entitled to a collection fee of 2% of the tax so collected. The fee shall be itemized on the tax return and shall be retained from the amount collected and remitted.
- (18) Penalty. Any person who is subject to the tax imposed by this section who fails to obtain a permit as required in subsection (4), or who fails or refuses to permit the inspection of his records by the city treasurer after such

inspection has been duly required by the city treasurer, or who fails to file a return as provided in this section, or who violates any other provisions of this section, shall be subject to a forfeiture not to exceed \$250.00 each day, or portion thereof, that such violation continues, and each day in violation is deemed to constitute a separate offense.

- (19) Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 1990 after passage and publication, pursuant to law.
- 2.20 MUNICIPAL COURT (MC#709)
- (1) Pursuant to Chapter 755 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a municipal court shall be established for the City of Wisconsin Rapids.
- (2) Election. The municipal judge shall be elected at large in the spring election commencing with the 1996 Spring Election and thereafter every two years. The term will begin on May 1 of the year elected.
- (3) Bond; Oath. The municipal court judge shall execute and file with the clerk of the circuit court for Wood County the oath, as prescribed by Section 256.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and a bond in the penal sum of \$2,000, as prescribed by Section 62.09(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Notification of compliance shall be provided by the clerk of the circuit court for Wood County to the city clerk of Wisconsin Rapids.
- (4) Municipal Court Staff.
- (a) The municipal court judge shall be assisted by a municipal court clerk to be selected in accordance with current city procedures, and approval of the municipal court judge. The clerk shall, upon entering the duties of his/her office, take the oath as prescribed by Section 19.01 of the Wisconsin Statute. Wages, hours, and conditions of employment shall be set by the common council.
- (b) The municipal judge shall be assisted by a bailiff while the court is in session. The bailiff shall be a serving police officer designated by the chief of police at his/her discretion.
- (5) Salary. The municipal court judge shall receive an annual salary to be set by the common council. The salary shall be paid commencing on May 1st for each term of office and shall not be raised nor decreased during the term of office. No salary shall be paid to the judge for any time during the term of office for which the judge has not executed and filed his or her official bond and oath as required in Section 2.20(3) above.
- (6) Jurisdiction.
- (a) The municipal judge shall have jurisdiction provided by state law, including but not limited to, because of enumeration, that provided by Chapters 755 and 800 of the Wisconsin Statutes and exclusive jurisdiction of violations of City of Wisconsin Rapids ordinances.
- (b) The municipal judge shall have concurrent jurisdiction with juvenile court of children 12 years of age or over who allegedly violated a municipal ordinance.
- (c) The municipal judge shall have concurrent jurisdiction with juvenile court of children any age who are alleged to be truant.
- (d) The municipal judge is hereby authorized to issue orders to the clerk of the municipal court to all witnesses and/or interpreters for required attendance upon trial of cases before the court. The clerk shall cause such warrants to be issued to require attendance before the court.
- (e) The municipal judge may issue civil warrants to enforce matters which are under the jurisdiction of the municipal court. The municipal judge is also authorized to issue inspection warrants under sub-section 66.122 and 66.123 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- (f) The municipal judge may impose such forfeitures as may be enumerated in the Wisconsin Statutes and the City of Wisconsin Rapids ordinances. Court fees, as set by the common council, may also be imposed.
- (g) Contempt of Court and Penalty. The municipal judge may punish for contempt as provided in Section 800.12 Wisconsin Statutes and may impose forfeiture therefore not to exceed \$50.00 or in default thereof, a jail sentence not to exceed seven days.
- (h) Chapter 48 of the Wisconsin Statutes, entitled "Children's Code", and Chapter 938 of the Wisconsin Statutes, entitled "Juvenile Justice Code", are hereby incorporated by reference as these chapters' provisions pertain to the municipal court. (MC#797)
- (7) Procedures.
- (a) Sessions of the municipal court shall be held in the city hall council chambers at the times and dates set by the common council except under extraordinary circumstances for which the judge may order special sessions at his/her discretion.
- (b) Court procedures and rules of evidence shall be in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes including but



not limited to Chapters 66, 755, and 800.

- (c) All forfeitures and fees received by the court shall be paid to the city treasurer on a daily basis.
- (8) Absence of Judge.
- (a) In case of illness, absence, or vacation, for a period not to exceed 30 days, the chief judge of the district shall designate another municipal judge of the county to perform the judge's duties.
  - (b) A permanent vacancy in the office of municipal judge shall be filled pursuant to Section 8.50 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

#### 2.21 FINANCIAL PROCEDURE; ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM OF APPROVING CLAIMS (MC#733)

- (1) Payments may be made from the city treasury after the city clerk audits and approves each claim as a proper charge against the treasury, and endorses his or her approval on the claim after having determined that the following conditions have been complied with:
  - (a) That funds are available therefor pursuant to the budget approved by the Common Council.
  - (b) That the item or service covered by such claim has been duly authorized by the proper official, department head or board, committee or commission.
  - (c) That the item or service has been actually supplied or rendered in conformity with such authorization.
  - (d) That the claim is just and valid pursuant to law. The clerk may require the submission of such proof and evidence to support the foregoing as in that officer's discretion may be deemed necessary.
- (2) The clerk shall file with the Common Council not less than monthly a list of the claims approved, showing the date paid, name of claimant, purpose and amount.
- (3) The Common Council shall authorize an annual detailed audit of the city's financial transactions and accounts by a public accountant licensed under Chapter 422 of Wisconsin Statutes and designated by the governing body.
- (4) The clerk shall be covered by a fidelity bond of not less than \$10,000.
- (5) The authority of this ordinance does not apply to claims referenced in Chapter 893.80 of Wisconsin Statutes.
- (6) This ordinance is adopted under the provisions of 66.044 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which precludes the claim procedure required by State Statutes 61.25(6), 61.51, 62.09(10), 62.11, and 62.12, and other relevant provisions, except 893.80.

#### 2.22 UNDERPAYMENTS AND OVERPAYMENTS.

City departments, including municipal court, may retain overpayments of fees, licenses, payments, and similar charges when the overpayment is \$4.00 or less, unless such refund is specifically requested in writing. Underpayments of not more than \$4.00 may be waived when the administrative cost of collection would exceed the amount of underpayment. (MC#1065)

#### 2.23 FRANCHISE FEES. (MC#1178)

All cable and other telecommunications franchise fees shall be placed into the city's general fund or a special revenue fund, for the purpose of the community access media operating budget, unless said funds are directed otherwise by the Common Council in a budget or other resolution. The amount the City receives in franchise fees shall be as allowed by law and as set by the Common Council by resolution.