ORDINANCE NO. TBR-2023-01

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE MUNICIPAL COURT ORDINANCE

The Town Board of the Town of Dekorra hereby ordains as follows:

1.   Section 2.12(a) of the Town of Dekorra Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a)   **Joint Municipal Court Created**.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. Chap. 755, there is hereby created and established a Municipal Court designated "Joint Municipal Court for the Village of Cambria, the City of Columbus, the Village of Fall River, the City of Lodi, the Village of Pardeeville, the Village of Poynette, the Village of Randolph, the Village of Rio, the Town of Columbus, the Village of ~~Dane~~ Arlington, Town of Lodi, Village of Friesland, Village of Wyocena and the Town of Dekorra" (hereinafter a/k/a "Joint Municipal Court" or "Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court"), presided over by a Municipal Judge."

2.   Section 2.12(b) of the Town of Dekorra Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b)   **Municipal Court Committee Composition**.

The Municipal Court Committee shall be comprised of one representative of each Member Municipality that chooses to appoint a voting representative to the Committee who shall be appointed by the Mayor, President or Chairman of the Member Municipality, subject to confirmation by the respective governing body. ~~and, in addition, one member who shall be a police chief of a Member Municipality. The initial member of this class shall be the Chief of Police of Fall River, replaced on a yearly basis by means of rotation among the Chiefs. Chiefs will rotate as follows: Fall River, Pardeeville, Randolph, Rio, Cambria, Poynette, Lodi and Columbus. In order to assure participation and continuity of representation, each Member Municipality may appoint an alternate representative who shall act on Committee matters in the absence of the representative.~~The Chairman of the Committee will be a representative from a member municipality and will rotate on an annual basis, alphabetically, starting with the representative from Rio for 2019. If a representative cannot fulfill or chooses not to fulfill the obligation of Committee Chairperson for any reason, then the position of Chairperson goes to the next municipality, alphabetically."

3.   Section 2.12(c) of the Town of Dekorra Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) **Creation and Qualification of the Position of Municipal Judge**.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. Chap. 755, the office of Municipal Judge is hereby created. Eligibility for the office of Municipal Judge shall be as follows: To be eligible for the office of Municipal Judge a person must be a qualified elector in either the Village of Cambria, or the City of Columbus, or the Village of Fall River, or the City of Lodi, or the Village of Pardeeville, or the Village of Poynette, or the Village of Randolph, or the Village of Rio, or the Town of Columbus, the Village of ~~Dane~~ Arlington, Town of Lodi, Village of Friesland, Village of Wyocena or the Town of Dekorra."

4.   Section 2.12(d) of the Town of Dekorra Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(d) **Election and Term of Municipal Judge**.

The appointed Judge must run for the election at large the following spring election, for a four (4) year term, commencing on May 1st succeeding his or her election. Electors of the Village of Cambria, and the City of Columbus, and the Village of Fall River, and the City of Lodi, and the Village of Pardeeville, and the Village of Poynette, and the Village of Randolph, the Village of Rio and the Town of Columbus, the Village of ~~Dane~~ Arlington, Town of Lodi, Village of Friesland, Village of Wyocena and the Town of Dekorra shall be eligible to vote for the Municipal Judge of the Joint Municipal Court."

The above and foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Dekorra on the **14** day of **February**, 2023.

TOWN OF DEKORRA

By:_____
    Kyle Knuteson, Town Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Holly Priske, Town Clerk

VOTE:
Ayes:___5___   Adopted: 2/14/2023
Noes:___0___   Published: 2/15/2023