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USE AND CONSTRUCTION

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1.01 TITLE OF CODE

The collected Ordinances shall be known and referred to as the “Code of Ordinances, City of Blair, Wisconsin”.

1.02 CONSTRUCTION

The following definitions, meanings or rules shall be applied in the construction and interpretation of the Ordinances, unless such application would be clearly inconsistent with the plain definition, meaning or intent of the Ordinances.

(1) Acts of Agents: When an ordinance requires an act be done by a person, which may be legally performed by an authorized agent of that principal person, the requirement shall be construed to include all acts performed by such agents.

(2) Code: The words “Code” and “Code of Ordinances”, when used in any section of this Code, shall refer to this Code of Ordinances of the City of Blair, unless the context of the section clearly indicates otherwise.

(3) Computation of Time: In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these Ordinances, the day of the act or event from which the period of time begins to run shall not be included but the last day of the period shall be included, unless it is a Sunday or a legal holiday. If the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than seven (7) days, Sundays and legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation. As used in this section, “legal holiday” means any statewide legal holiday specified by state law.

(4) Fine: The term “fine” shall be the equivalent of the word “forfeiture” and vice versa.

(5) Gender: Every word in these Ordinances referring to the masculine gender shall also be construed to apply to females and vice versa.

(6) General Rule: All words and phrases shall be construed according to their plain meaning in common usage. However, words or phrases with a technical or special meaning shall be understood and construed according to that technical or special meaning, if such is the intent of the Ordinances.

(7) Joint Authority: All words purporting to give a joint authority to three (3) or more City officers or employees shall be construed as giving such authority to a majority of such officers or other persons.

(8) Person: The word “person” shall mean any of the following entities: natural persons, corporations, partnerships, associations, bodies politic or any other entity of any kind, which is capable of suing or being sued.

(9) Repeal: Repeal of an existing ordinance includes an implied repeal, wherein the new ordinance contains provisions so contrary to or irreconcilable with those of an existing ordinance, that only one of the ordinances can be in force.

(10) Singular and Plural: Every word in these Ordinances referring to the singular number only, shall also be construed to apply to several persons or things, and every word in these Ordinances referred to a plural number shall also be construed to apply to one person or thing.

(11) Tense: The use of any verb in the present tense shall not preclude the interpretation of the verb in the future tense where appropriate.

(12) Wisconsin Statutes: The term “Wisconsin Statutes” and its abbreviation as “Wis. Stat.”, in these Ordinances, shall mean the Wisconsin Statutes for the year 1981—82, as amended.

(13) Wisconsin Administrative Code: The term “Wisconsin Administrative Code” and its abbreviation as “Wis. Adm. Code”, shall mean the Wisconsin Administrative Code as of the adoption of this Code, as amended or renumbered from time to time.

1.03 CONFLICT OF PROVISIONS

(1) Conflict of Chapters: If the provisions of different chapters conflict with each other, the provisions of each individual chapter shall control all issues arising out of the events and persons intended to be governed by that chapter.

(2) Conflict of Sections: If the provisions of different sections of the same chapter conflict with each other, the provision which is more specific in its application to the events of persons raising the conflict shall control over the more general provision.

1.04 SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS

If any provision of this Code of Ordinances is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by reason of any decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other provisions of these Ordinances.

1.05 REPEAL OF ORDINANCES

(1) Repeal: All Ordinances heretofore adopted by the City Council of the City of Blair are hereby repealed. This shall not include ordinances or other acts of the City Council relative to the following matters:

- (a) The creation or abolition of offices;
- (b) The annexation of territory to the City;

- (c) Contracts and / or construction of public works;
- (d) Naming of public property within the City;
- (e) Tax and special assessment levies;
- (f) Issuance of corporate obligations by the City;
- (g) Establishment of grades, curb lines, widths of sidewalks and location of public streets and alleys.

(2) Effect: The repeal or amendment of any provision of this Code, or of any other ordinance adopted by the City Council, shall not:

- (a) Affect any rights, privileges, obligations or liabilities, which were acquired or incurred, or which had accrued under the repealed or amended provision, unless the City has expressly reserved the right to revoke such right, privilege, obligation or liability.
- (b) Affect any offense, penalty or forfeiture or prosecution, for any offense or levy of any penalty or forfeiture, which has arisen prior to the repeal or amendment of the relevant provision of any ordinance.