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MUNICIPAL COURT
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17.01 **COURT ESTABLISHED.** Pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 755 of the Wisconsin Statutes there is hereby created and established a Municipal Court to be designated "Lakeside Municipal Court", serving the Villages of North Fond du Lac, Rosendale, Campbellsport, Brandon, Fairwater, Oakfield, the City of Fond du Lac, and the Towns of Ripon, Empire, Taycheedah and Osceola in Fond du Lac County and the Cities of Berlin, Green Lake, Markesan and Princeton in Green Lake County, said court to become operative and functional after each member of Lakeside Municipal Court passed a copy of this ordinance.

17.02 **MUNICIPAL JUDGE.** (1) **QUALIFICATIONS.** The joint court shall be under the jurisdiction of and presided over by a Municipal Judge, who resides in one of the municipalities.

(2) **OATH AND BOND.** The Judge shall, after election or appointment to fill a vacancy, take and file the official oath as prescribed in Wis. Stats. §757.02(1), and at the same time, the Judge shall execute and file an official bond with the clerk of the municipality in an amount of \$1,000. The judge shall not act until the oath and bond have been filed as required by Wis. Stats. §19.01(4)(c) and the requirements of Wis. Stats. §755.03(2) have been complied with.

(3) **SALARY.** The salary of the Municipal Judge shall be fixed by the Village Board of North Fond du Lac and shall be in lieu of fees and costs. No salary shall be paid to the Judge for any time during which such judge has not executed and filed the official bond or official oath as required by Wis. Stats. §755.03 and filed pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.01(4)(c).

17.03 **ELECTIONS.** (1) **TERM.** The Municipal Judge shall be elected at large in the spring election for a term of four years commencing on May 1. All candidates for the position of Municipal Judge shall be nominated by nomination papers as provided in Wis. Stats. §8.10 and selection at a primary election if such is held as provided in Wis. Stats. §8.11. The state election board shall serve as the filing officer for the candidates.

(2) **ELECTORS.** Electors in all municipalities that are parties to the agreement shall vote for the judge.

(3) **VACANCY.** Any vacancy occurring in the office of Municipal Judge shall be filled pursuant to state law.

17.04 **JURISDICTION.** The Municipal Court shall have jurisdiction over incidents occurring on or after January 1, 2005 as provided in Article VII, §14 of the Wisconsin Constitution, Wis. Stats. §§755.045 and 755.05, and as otherwise provided by State Law. In addition, it shall have exclusive jurisdiction over actions in which the municipalities seek to impose forfeitures for violations of municipal ordinances, resolutions and by-laws.

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The Municipal Judge may issue civil warrants to enforce matters under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court under §755.045(2), §66.122 and §66.123, Wis. Stats. Court authority to impose alternative juvenile dispositions and sanctions.

- (1) For a juvenile adjudged to have violated an ordinance, a court is authorized to impose any of the dispositions listed in §938.343 and 938.344, Wis. Stats., in accordance with the provisions of those statutes.
- (2) For a juvenile adjudged to have violated an ordinance who violates a condition of a dispositional order of the court under §938.343 or 938.344, Wis. Stats., the municipal court is authorized to impose any of the sanctions listed in §938.355(6)(d) Wis. Stats., in accordance with the provisions of those statutes.
- (3) This section is enacted under the authority of §938.17(2)(cm), Wis. Stats.

17.05 **MUNICIPAL COURT.** (1) HOURS. Lakeside Municipal Court shall be open as determined by order of the Municipal Judge.

(2) EMPLOYEES. The Judge shall, in writing, appoint such clerks and assistants as are authorized by the Village Board of North Fond du Lac. Their salaries shall be fixed by the Village Board of North Fond du Lac.

(3) LOCATION. The Municipal Judge shall keep his/her office at a location provided by the Board of Trustees of the Village of North Fond du Lac and shall hold court at locations agreed to by members of Lakeside Municipal Court. The Municipal Judge may issue process and perform ministerial functions any place in the State of Wisconsin.

17.06 **COLLECTION OF FORFEITURES AND COSTS.** The Municipal Judge may impose punishment and sentences as provided by Wis. Stats. Chapters 800 and 938 and as provided in ordinances of the municipalities that are parties to the agreement. All forfeitures, fees, assessments, surcharges and costs shall be paid to the treasurer of the Village of North Fond du Lac within seven (7) days of collection. At such time, the Municipal Court shall report to the treasurer the title, nature of offense and total amount of judgments imposed in actions and proceedings in which such monies are collected.

17.07 **CONTEMPT OF COURT.** The Municipal Judge, after affording an opportunity to the person accused to be heard in defense, may punish for contempt as provided in Wis. Stats. §800.12, and may impose a forfeiture or a jail sentence in accordance with state statute.

17.08 **STIPULATIONS AND DEPOSITS.** (1) DEPOSITS FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS. The Municipal Judge shall establish and submit to the Village Boards or City Councils of the member municipalities for approval in accordance with §800.03(3), Wis. Stats., a schedule of deposits for violations of each municipality's ordinances, resolutions and bylaws.

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(2) DEPOSITS FOR TRAFFIC AND BOATING VIOLATIONS. The deposit schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference and the procedures set forth in Chapters 23 and 345, Wis. Stats., shall apply to stipulations and deposits for violations of traffic regulations enacted in accordance with §345.27 and boating regulations enacted in accordance with §30.77, Wis. Stats.

(3) STIPULATIONS AND DEPOSITS IN LIEU OF COURT APPEARANCE. Persons cited for violations of the member municipalities ordinances, resolutions or bylaws or violations of traffic or boating regulations for which a deposit has been established, shall be permitted to make a stipulation of no contest and a deposit in lieu of court appearance as provided in §800.03, §800.04 and §800.09 Wis. Stats., unless personal appearance is required.

