

**ORDINANCE**

**SUBJECT:** LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2007-2027

**COMMITTEE:** COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

**FIRST CONSIDERATION:** February 21, 2008

**FINAL CONSIDERATION:** March 20, 2008

**ORDINANCE #**60 - 3/08 **PUBLICATION DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

The County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County does ordain as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER 31 ENTITLED  
"LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2007-2027"  
OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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**ANALYSIS**

This ordinance is created pursuant to the state mandate set forth in Wis. Stat. S. 66.1001 that requires each local governmental unit to adopt, prepare or amend a comprehensive plan. For a county, a "comprehensive plan" means a development plan that is prepared or amended under Wis. Stat. S. 59.69(2) of (3).

Chapter 31 is the comprehensive plan for La Crosse County that contains all of the following elements required by the statute:

- Issues and opportunities element.
- Housing element.
- Transportation element.
- Utilities and community facilities element.
- Agricultural, natural and cultural resources element.
- Economic development element.
- Intergovernmental cooperation element.
- Land-use element.
- Implementation element.

The Comprehensive Planning Law passed by the state does not actually dictate how or where development will occur. Those decisions are left to local communities. However, because the Comprehensive Planning Law does improve on the amount and quality of communication within and between jurisdictions, it may indirectly lead to more informed decisions that result in comprehensive planning.

The State Office of Land Information Services has identified the following benefits to comprehensive planning:

- Coordinates community activity.
- Understand the past and present.
- A roadmap to the future.
- Proactive rather than reactive.
- Saves money.
- Preserves local control.
- Preserves local autonomy.
- Promotes property rights.
- Promotes economic development.
- Promotes intergovernmental cooperation.
- Protects resources.

Attached is the Executive Summary that summarizes the key findings from the La Crosse County Inventory and Analysis Report. Each of the analysis sections within the Existing Conditions Report (S. 31.01 of the code) provides a more detailed description of the existing conditions relevant to its specific planning element under Wis. Stat. s. 66.1001.

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**INFORMATION:**

County Board Rules: Governing Body s. 2.02(8) states, in part: Ordinances are drafted by the Corporation Counsel. After the ordinance has been reviewed by a standing committee, each Supervisor will be given a copy of the ordinance showing the deleted language (grayed) and the new language (underlined) and an analysis of the intent of the ordinance. After introduction to the County Board, the ordinance shall be referred to the next monthly meeting unless waived by a 2/3 vote of the Supervisors present and a public hearing may be held if requested by a Supervisor. An amendment may be introduced and debated at either the original or the referred meeting. Copies of the ordinances of the County of La Crosse in their entirety are available with Corporation Counsel, County Clerk, or [www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/code/](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/code/).

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The County Board of Supervisors of the County of La Crosse does ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** Ordinance #60-3/08 creating Chapter 31 of the General Code of La Crosse County entitled "La Crosse County, Wisconsin Comprehensive Plan 2007-2027" is hereby adopted by reference. Ordinance #60-3/08 was available for public inspection not less than 2 weeks before it was enacted. A copy of Chapter 31 shall be maintained and available for public inspection in the office of the La Crosse County Clerk after its enactment. Copies of the Ordinance are available from the La Crosse County Clerk or at [www.co.la-crosse.wi.us](http://www.co.la-crosse.wi.us).

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect the day after its passage and publication.

Dated this 20 day of March, 2008.

LA CROSSE COUNTY

By: [Signature]  
Steve Doyle, County Board Chair

By: [Signature]  
Marion I. Naegle, County Clerk

PASSED: 3-20-08  
PUBLISHED:

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Marion I. Naegle, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008.

[Signature]  
Marion I. Naegle, La Crosse County Clerk