

**ORDINANCE**

**SUBJECT:** SUSTAINABLE LA CROSSE COMMISSION

**COMMITTEE:** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**FIRST CONSIDERATION:** June 18, 2009

**FINAL CONSIDERATION:** July 16, 2009

**ORDINANCE #** 71 – 7/09 **PUBLICATION DATE** 7/ 24 /09

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE S. 1.78 TO BE ENTITLED  
“SUSTAINABLE LA CROSSE COMMISSION”  
OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

\*\*\*\*\*

**ANALYSIS**

This Ordinance creates a special commission of La Crosse County to be known as the Sustainable La Crosse Commission. As the ad-hoc City/County Joint Oversight Committee on Sustainability nears the end of its work, the need has been recognized for the establishment of a Sustainable La Crosse Commission with an expanded purpose and membership.

Under this Ordinance, the Sustainable La Crosse Commission would have 9 members including the following: La Crosse County Board Chair or his/her designee, a La Crosse County Board Supervisor, Mayor of the City of La Crosse or his/her designee, a City of La Crosse Common Council member, Mayor of the City of Onalaska or his/her designee, and 4 citizen members who represent the following categories: community groups, business, higher education, and health care. The members’ term of office shall be 2 years.

The duties and powers of this Commission shall include the following: regularly review progress of implementing the strategic plan for sustainability, coordinate the sustainability plan review and revision on a 2 to 5 year cycle, make recommendations on funding related to sustainability issues, make policy recommendations, network with community members, coordinate educational opportunities, and contribute to public awareness and utilization of the sustainability website. This Commission shall report to the Planning, Resources and Development Committee of La Crosse County.

\*\*\*\*\*

**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/).

(rev. 3/03)