

ORDINANCE

SUBJECT: LAND INFORMATION COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

FIRST CONSIDERATION: October 21, 2010

FINAL CONSIDERATION: November 9, 2010

ORDINANCE # 85 - 11/10 **PUBLICATION DATE** December 2, 1010

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE S. 1.79 ENTITLED
"LAND INFORMATION COUNCIL"
OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

ANALYSIS

1989 Wisconsin Act 31 and 1989 Wisconsin Act 339 created a statewide information program for the purpose of facilitating land records modernization in each county in Wisconsin.

Pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. s. 59.72, each county, including La Crosse County, funds its land information program with real estate document recording or filing fees that are charged and collected in the Office of Register of Deeds. On May 12, 2010, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted 2009 Wisconsin Act 314 that became effective on June 25, 2010. This Act created and amended statutory language relating to changing the fees collected by a register of deeds, the redaction of social security numbers from electronic documents, and changes to the land information program. In order for a county to retain part of the fee for recording or filing each instrument in the register of deeds office for use by the county to fund its land information program, the county board must have established a land information office and created a land information council. A county board that has established a land information office and a land information council may apply to the department of administration for a grant to fund a land information project.

Therefore, s. 1.79 of the County Code is created to form the Land Information Council. In compliance with Wis. Stats. s. 59.72(3m), the Land Information Council created by this ordinance shall consist of not less than 8 members and shall include the register of deeds, the treasurer, and the real property lister, which in the case of La Crosse County is the Zoning, Planning and Land Information Director. The ordinance also provides that the other members of the Council shall be appointed by the County Board Chair and confirmed by the County Board to include the following: a member of the board, a representative of the land information office, a realtor or member of the Realtor's Association, a public safety or emergency communications representative, and the county surveyor. The duties of the Land Information Council as provided in the state statute and this ordinance include reviewing the priorities, needs, policies, and expenditures of the Land Information Office. The ordinance further provides that the Land Information Council shall meet on an 'as needed' basis and report to the Planning, Resources and Development Committee.

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/.

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

Section 1. Section 1.79 entitled "Land Information Council" is created to read:

1.79 LAND INFORMATION COUNCIL.

(1) Membership. The Land Information Council shall be composed of not less than 8 members, which shall include the County Register of Deeds, the County Treasurer, and the real property lister (Zoning, Planning & Land Information Director) or their designees and the following members appointed by the County Board Chair and confirmed by the County Board:

- (a) A member of the County Board;
- (b) A representative of the land information office;
- (c) A realtor or a member of the Realtors Association employed within the County;
- (d) A public safety or emergency communications representative employed within the County; and,
- (e) The County Surveyor or a registered professional land surveyor employed within the County.

(2) Terms. Council members who hold elective office or are employed by La Crosse County shall serve on the Council as long as they hold the office or County position designated for membership. Other Council members appointed by the County Board shall serve 3 year terms.

(3) Duties and Powers.

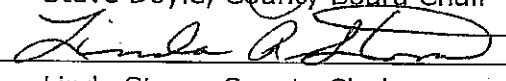
- (a) The Council shall review the priorities, needs, policies, and expenditures of the land information office and advise the County on matters affecting the land information office.
- (b) The Council shall meet on an as-needed basis.
- (c) The Council shall report to the Planning, Resources and Development Committee.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

LA CROSSE COUNTY

By: 

Steve Doyle, County Board Chair

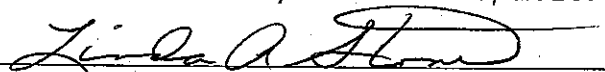
By: 

Linda Stone, County Clerk

PASSED: NOVEMBER 9, 2010
PUBLISHED: DECEMBER 2, 2010

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Linda A. Stone, 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 9th day of November, 2010.


Linda A. Stone, La Crosse County Clerk