

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, DOOR COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ORDINANCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Adopted January 10, 2011

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2007 the Town Board of the Town of Washington approved the establishment of the Washington Island Economic Development Committee, recognizing (1) that economic development planning is the process by which a community organizes, analyzes, develops and implements plans and strategies to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for those in the community; (2) that the Island has resources, challenges and opportunities for economic development which are unique, and significantly different from the rest of Door County and (3) that it is essential that there be appropriate planning for economic development on the Island, which clearly defines issues and opportunities and develops strategies which, considering the natural limitations of the Island's location, its physical features and unique resources, are consistent with and necessary to achieve the goals of the comprehensive plan for the Island.

WHEREAS, at the recommendation of the Washington Island Economic Development Committee, the Town Board wishes amend, restate and readopt the organization of the Washington Island Economic Development Committee as a Committee of the Town under Chapter 12 of the Town of Washington Code.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Washington hereby adopts the following Ordinance:

ARTICLE IX

Economic Development Committee

SECTION 12.56 AUTHORIZATION

The Town shall have an Economic Development Committee, known as the "Town of Washington Economic Development Committee".

SECTION 12.57 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee shall be to (1) investigate, analyze and develop, for approval of the Town Board, an Economic Development Plan and Strategy for the Island, (2) facilitate the implementation of such Economic Development Plan and Strategy and (3) prior to the development of such Economic Development Plan and Strategy (a) investigate, analyze and make recommendations to the Town Board with regard to specific economic development activities, projects and strategies and (b) if approved by the Town Board, take such actions with respect to such activities, projects and strategies as the Town Board shall authorize from time to time.

SECTION 12.58 MEMBERSHIP

(A) MEMBERS - The Economic Development Committee shall be composed of a minimum of seven (7) members, but **not** more than eleven (11) members. At least one member of the Committee shall be a member of the Town Board and the other members of the Committee shall be property owners or registered voters in the Town of Washington appointed from time to time by the Town Board [provided that no more than four(4) members of the Committee shall be property owners who are not registered voters]. The Town Board shall appoint the initial members of the Committee and thereafter shall appoint members to fill vacancies or to add members to the Committee (up to the eleven (11) member limit) based upon recommendations from the Committee.

(B) TERM - Members of the Economic Development Committee shall be appointed for one (1), two (2) or three (3) year terms, and may be reappointed for additional terms; provided that a person who shall have served for ten (10) consecutive years shall not be eligible for reappointment. Any such person shall become eligible for appointment after being off the Committee for one (1) year. Each member shall serve until the end of his or her term and reappointment or replacement by a successor member. The Town Board may remove or replace any member of the Committee at any time, without cause, by written notice to the Committee and such removed or replaced member.

(C) QUORUM - A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Committee at any meeting of the Committee.

SECTION 12.59 OFFICERS

(A) CHAIR AND SECRETARY - The Committee shall have a Chair and a Secretary elected annually from the membership of the Committee by a majority vote of the Committee members present at the first meeting in April at which there is a quorum.

(B) DUTIES - The Chair shall preside at all meetings. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, and furnish a copy to the Town Board promptly following the approval of such minutes by the Committee. In addition the Secretary shall correspond (or designate another member to correspond) on behalf of the Committee.

SECTION 12.100 MEETINGS

(A) TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS - The Committee shall meet as needed to carry out the purposes as stated in Section 1, at a time and place to be decided upon by the Committee membership. The Committee shall meet with the Town of Washington Planning Committee and other Committees of the Town from time to time as the Chair of the Committee and the Chair of the Planning Committee or other Committee shall determine to be necessary or appropriate.

(B) OPEN MEETINGS LAW - All meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with Subchapter IV of Chapter 19 of the Wisconsin Statutes, commonly known as the "Wisconsin Open Meetings Law".

SECTION 12.101      ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Committee may, from time to time, select and appoint one or more advisory committees of interested persons (who do not need to be property owners or registered voters of the Town of Washington) to provide research, advice and such other assistance as the Committee may require in connection with carrying out the purposes as stated in Section 1. Members of such committees may be removed or replaced by the Committee without cause at any time by written notice to such removed or replaced member. The Committee shall provide the Town Board with the names and addresses of any such committee members and information about the activities of such committees.