# Chapter 1

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Springs as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

### ARTICLE I General Penalty [Adopted 11-7-1989 by Ord. No.89-1 as § 9.02 of the 1989 Code]

§ 1-1. Violations and penalties. [Amended 1-2-1991 by Ord. No. 90-5; 11-4-2003]

- A. The penalty for violating any section or subsection of the Town of Pleasant Springs Municipal Code shall be as specified in each section or subsection of the Municipal Code.
- B. For those sections and subsections of the Town of Pleasant Springs Municipal Code not specifying a specific penalty, the penalty for violation shall be as follows:
  - (1) Upon conviction for the first such violation, a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, together with applicable fees, penalties, costs, tax, surcharge and costs of prosecution.
  - (2) Upon conviction for the second such violation, or subsequent violation, occurring within a twenty-four-month period from the date of the initial violation, the penalty shall be a forfeiture of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000, together with applicable costs, fees, surcharge, tax, and costs of prosecution.



- C. In default of payment of any forfeiture and/or related penalty arising under the Town of Pleasant S prings Municipal Code, the defendant may be punished for c on t e m pt as provided under § 800.12, Wis. Stats., or as the same may be subsequently renumbered. The Municipal Judge may impose a forfeiture in an amount not to exceed \$50 or, upon nonpayment of the forfeiture, the penalty assessment under § 757.05, Wis. Stats., the jail assessment under § 302.46, Wis. Stats., the crime laboratories and drug law enforcement assessment under § 165.755, Wis. Stats., any applicable consumer protection a s s e s s m e n t under § 100.261, W i s . Stats., a n d any applicable domestic abuse assessment under § 973.055(I), Wis. Stats., a jail sentence not to exceed seven days. As provided under Wisconsin law, a defendant shall have the opportunity to purge himself of such contempt by payment of the required amounts.
- D. In all cases of violations arising under the Town of Pleasant Springs Municipal Code, each violation and each day upon which a violation occurs or continues to occur shall constitute a separate and distinct offense and shall subject the defendant to a separate and distinct penalty as provided herein.

#### §1-2. Recovery of unpaid forfeitures and fees. [Added 11-4-2003]

When any forfeiture imposed for violation of any provision of this Code or any fee required by any section of this Code is not paid by November 1 following the imposition of such forfeiture or fee, the amount thereof shall be placed on the tax roll by the Town and collected in the same manner as any other delinquent real estate tax.

#### ARTICLED Adoption of Code [Adopted 11-4-2003]

#### § 1-3. Adoption of Code.

§ 1-1

Pursuant to § 66.0103, Wis. Stats., the ordinances of the Town of Pleasant Springs of a general and permanent nature adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Springs, as revised, codified and consolidated into chapters and sections by General Code Publishers Corp., and consisting of Chapters 1 through 202, together with an Appendix, are hereby approved, adopted, ordained and enacted as the "Code of the Town of Pleasant Springs," hereinafter referred to as the "Code."

#### § 1-4. Code supersedes prior ordinances.

This ordinance and the Code shall supersede all other general and permanent ordinances enacted prior to the enactment of this Code, except such ordinances as are hereinafter expressly saved from repeal or continued in force.

#### § 1-5. Continuation of existing provisions.

The provisions of the Code, insofar as they are substantively the same as those of the ordinances in force immediately prior to the enactment of the Code by this ordinance, are

intended as a continuation of such ordinances and not as new enactments, and the effectiveness of such provisions shall date from the date of adoption of the prior ordinances.

## §1-6. Copy of Code on file.

A copy of the Code, in loose-leaf form, has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk and shall remain there for use and examination by the public for at least two weeks, in accordance with § 66.0103, Wis. Stats., and until final action is taken on this ordinance, and, if this ordinance shall be adopted, such copy shall be certified to by the Town Clerk. and such certified copy shall remain on file in the office of said Town Clerk to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while said Code is in effect.

## §1-7. Amendments to Code.

Any and all additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to the Code, when adopted in such form as to indicate the intention of the Town Board to make them a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated into such Code so that reference to the "Code of the Town of Pleasant Springs" shall be understood and intended to include such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements. Whenever such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to the Code shall be adopted, they shall thereafter be printed and, as provided hereunder, inserted in the loose-leaf book containing said Code as amendments and supplements thereto.

## §1-8. Publication; filing.

The Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Springs, pursuant to law, shall cause to be published, in the manner required by law, a copy of this Adoption Ordinance. Sufficient copies of the Code shall be maintained in the office of the Clerk for inspection by the public at all times during regular office hours. The enactment and publication of this ordinance, coupled with the availability of a copy of the Code for inspection by the public, shall be deemed, held and considered to be due and legal publication of all provisions of the Code for all purposes.

## § 1-9. Code book to be kept up-to-date.

It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk, or someone authorized and directed by the Clerk, to keep up-to-date the certified copy of the book containing the Code required to be filed in the Clerk's office for use by the public. All changes in said Code and all ordinances adopted subsequent to the effective date of this codification which shall be adopted specifically as part of the Code shall, when finally adopted, be included therein by reference until such changes or new ordinances are printed as supplements to said Code book, at which time such supplements shall be inserted therein.

## § 1-10. Sale of Code book.

Copies of the Code, or any chapter or portion of it, may be purchased from the Clerk or an authorized agent of the Clerk upon the payment of a fee to be set by the Town Board. The Clerk may also arrange for procedures for the periodic supplementation of the Code.

#### § 1-11

#### PLEASANT SPRINGS CODE

§ 1-11. Altering or tampering with Code; penalties for violation.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to improperly change or amend, by additions or deletions, any part or portion of the Code or to alter or tamper with such Code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the Town of Pleasant Springs to be misrepresented thereby. Anyone violating this section or any part of this ordinance shall be subject, upon conviction, to a fine of not more than \$500, in the discretion of the Judge imposing the same.

#### §1-12. Severability of Code provisions.

Each section of the Code and every part of each section is an independent section or part of a section, and the holding of any section or a part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

#### § 1-13. Severability of ordinance provisions.

Each section of this ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

#### §1-14. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of a general and permanent nature adopted and in force on the date of the adoption of this ordinance and not contained in the Code are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this Adoption Ordinance, except as hereinafter provided.

## §1-15. Ordinances saved from repeal.

The adoption of this Code and the repeal of ordinances provided for in § 1-14 of this ordinance shall not affect the following ordinances, rights and obligations, which are hereby expressly saved from repeal:

- A. Any ordinance adopted subsequent to January 21, 2003.
- B. Any right or liability established, accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of this ordinance or any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of such right or liability.
- C. Any offense or act committed or done before the effective date of this ordinance in violation of any legislative provision or any penalty, punishment or forfeiture which may result therefrom.
- D. Any prosecution, indictment, action, suit or other proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this ordinance brought pursuant to any legislative provision.
- E. Any franchise, license, right, easement or privilege heretofore granted or conferred.

## § 1-15 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- F. Any ordinance providing for the laying out, opening, altering, widening, relocating, straightening, establishing grade, changing name, improvement, acceptance or vacation of any right-of-way, easement, street, road, highway, park or other public place or any portion thereof.
- G. Any ordinance appropriating money or transferring funds, promising or guaranteeing the payment of money or authorizing the issuance and delivery of any bond or other instruments or evidence of the Town's indebtedness.
- H. Ordinances authorizing the purchase, sale, lease or transfer of property or any lawful contract or obligation.
- I. The levy or imposition of taxes, assessments or charges.
- J. The annexation or dedication of property or approval of preliminary or final subdivision plats.
- K. Ordinances providing for local improvements or assessing taxes or special assessments therefor.
- L. All currently effective ordinances pertaining to the rate and manner of payment of salaries and compensation of officers and employees.
- M. Any legislation relating to or establishing a pension plan or pension fund for municipal employees.
- §1-16. Changes in previously adopted ordinances.
- A. In compiling and preparing the ordinances for publication as the Code of the Town of Pleasant Springs, no changes in the meaning or intent of such ordinances have been made, except as provided for in Subsections B and C hereof. Certain grammatical changes and other minor nonsubstantive changes were made in one or more of said pieces of legislation. It is the intention of the Town Board that all such changes be adopted as part of the Code as if the ordinances had been previously formally amended to read as such.
- B. The following changes are made throughout the Code:
  - (I) References to specific chapters and sections of the Wisconsin Statutes are revised to reflect the numbering of the statutes as of the publication of this Code.
  - (2) References to the "Department of Health and Social Services" are amended to read "Department of Health and Family Services."
- C. In addition, the amendments and/or additions as set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof are made herewith, to become effective upon the effective date of this ordinance. (Chapter and section number references are to the ordinances as they have been renumbered and appear in the Code.)

# §1-17. When effective.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.