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SEC. 2-1-1 CITY GOVERNMENT.

- (a) **Mayor-Council Government.** The City of Galesville is a body corporate and politic with the powers of a municipality at common law and governed by the provisions of Chapters 62 and 66 of the Wisconsin Statutes, laws amending those chapters, other acts of the legislature and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin. The City of Galesville operates under the Mayor-Council form of government under Chapter 62, Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Division of Responsibilities.**
- (1) **Legislative Branch.** The Common Council is the legislative branch of City Government. Its primary business is the passage of laws in the form of ordinances or resolutions which shall prescribe what the law shall be, not only in relation to the particular facts existing at the time, but as to all future cases arising under it. The Common Council shall fix the salaries of all officers and employees of the City, and be charged with the official management of the City's financial affairs, its budget, its revenues and the raising of funds necessary for the operation of the City.
 - (2) **Executive Branch.** The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer. He shall take care that all City ordinances and state laws are observed and enforced and that all City officers, boards, committees and commissions discharge their duties. When present, he shall preside at the meetings of the Common Council. He shall from time to time give the Council such information and recommend such measures as he may deem advantageous to the City.

State Law Reference: Wis. Const., Art. XI, Sec. 3.

SEC. 2-1-2 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

The official newspaper of the City of Galesville shall be the Galesville Republican.

State Law Reference: Sec. 985.06.Wis. Stats.

SEC. 2-1-3 WARD BOUNDARIES.

- (a) Changes in ward boundaries shall be made by resolution, which resolution shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of all the Aldermen. Resolutions designating wards are incorporated by reference and made a part hereof.
- (b) The City shall revise its ward boundaries when required to do so by Sec. 5.15, Wis. Stats.

State Law Reference: Sec. 5.15, Wis. Stats.

SEC. 2-1-4 CITY BOUNDARIES.

- (a) The Common Council shall annually, at the first regular meeting after the organizational meeting, certify by resolution the then-existing legal description of the total boundaries of the City, which resolution shall be kept on file at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Changes in boundaries and annexations shall be reported by the Clerk-Treasurer to the Secretary of State as required by Sec. 66.02(8), Wis. Stats.
- (b) The Council may, from time to time, direct a survey of its present boundaries to be made which may be on file in the office of the Register of Deeds for Trempealeau County pursuant to Sec. 66.021(8)(c), Wis. Stats.

State Law Reference: Sec. 66.012(8), Wis. Stats.

SEC. 2-1-5 APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICIALS.

There shall be a minimum of three (3) inspectors for each polling place at each election held under Chapters 5 to 12, Wis. Stats., and a minimum of seven (7) inspectors for each polling place for presidential elections. When voting machines are used, the number of inspectors may be reduced to five (5). Inspectors shall be appointed as provided in Sec. 7.30, Wis. Stats.

State Law Reference: Sec. 7.30, Wis. Stats.

SEC. 2-1-6 ELECTIONS.

- (a) **Annual City Election.** The annual City election shall be held on the first Tuesday in April.
- (b) **Polling Hours.** The polls for all elections shall open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The rules for provision of voting booths, ballots and election officials and all of the rules for conduct of elections in Title II, Wisconsin Statutes, shall apply to elections in the city of Galesville. *[Amended 8/10/2006]*
- (c) **Polling Places.** The designated polling place for all wards of the City of Galesville shall be at the Galesville Public Library, or as designated by the Common Council.

SEC. 2-1-7 NON-PARTISAN PRIMARY FOR CITY OFFICES.

Whenever three (3) or more candidates file nomination papers, candidates for elective City offices shall be nominated by a non-partisan primary conducted pursuant to Sec. 8.05(4), Wis. Stats. Such candidate shall file with his nomination papers a declaration that he will qualify for the office to which he may be elected.

State Law Reference: Secs. 8.05(4) and 8.11, Wis. Stats.