

Town of Mekan Comprehensive Planning and Smart Growth Ordinance

The Town Board of the Town of Mekan, Marquette County, Wisconsin, being duly assembled, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. In order to plan for and promote future public safety, health, welfare, convenience, land use, transportation, housing, utilities, agriculture, cultural resources, economic development, intergovernmental cooperation and implementation of these items, it is declared to be of public interest to establish a Town Plan Commission as provided in Wisconsin State Statutes Secs. 62.23(1) & 60.62(4).

SECTION 2. Under the State Statutes, the Town, being under 2,500 population, may create a 5 member commission which will be called "The Town Plan Commission". The Commission shall be comprised of at least three (3) Citizen members and two (2) Town Board Supervisors.

SECTION 3. Appointment of Members and the choice of a presiding officer of the Town Plan Commission shall be the duty of the Town Board Chairperson. The term of office for the Citizen members shall be for three (3) years, however, the initial appointments will be staggered so there can not be a complete turnover after the first 3 years. The term of office for the appointed Town Board Supervisors shall be the same as their term of office on the Town Board. The Town Plan Commission shall select one of their members to carry out the duties of Secretary.

SECTION 4. General Powers and duties of the Town Plan Commission shall be those necessary to perform its functions and promote planning. Sec. 62.23(4). It may hire staff and experts, subject to the Town Board's appropriation for the commission and local ordinances and Town Board resolutions. Sec. 62.23(1)(e). The commission may make reports and recommendations regarding the plan to the Town Board, other public officials and agencies, public utilities, organizations and the public. Public officials must furnish requested information to the commission, within a reasonable amount of time. In performance of their duties, the commission and its employees may enter upon land, make examinations and surveys, and place and maintain necessary monuments and surveys.

SECTION 5. Remuneration for the members of the Town Plan Commission shall be determined from time to time by the Town Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 6. It is the Town Board's desire to have the Town Plan Commission complete the town's master plan and amendments to it by the year 2006. However, it should be understood that the State requirement for completion is by the year 2010.

SECTION 7. Severability. Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, work and provision of the Ordinance is severable and if any portion is, or becomes, invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, such determination shall not effect the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Effective date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced immediately after the adoption by the Town of Mekan Board of Supervisors and its publication as provided by law in the official newspaper of Marquette County.

ORDINANCE 01-01 (Continued)

Town of Mecan, Marquette County, Wisconsin

Roll call on Ordinance 01-01: Ayes 3 Nays 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

Adopted and Approved on this 13 day of March in the year 2001.



Earl H. Ewert, Chairperson

Edwin Stelter, Supervisor #1

Thomas Cotter, Jr. Supervisor #2

ATTEST: Arlowayne Wegner, Clerk