

ESTABLISHING A SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE REVISION  
OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

Over the past decade, various committees and task forces have addressed specific issues in the zoning code. For example, the Mineral Extraction Committee developed policies and guidelines. The Task Force for the Prioritized Revision of Chapter 10 met over the course of several years and made a number of updates to the zoning code.

While this incremental approach has allowed the zoning code to remain functional over time, and to be responsive to changes in the economy and in land use, it is time for a comprehensive rewrite of Chapter 10.

Wisconsin State Statutes govern the relationship between a county and towns regarding a comprehensive revision of the zoning ordinance:

*S. 59.69(5)(d) "The (county) board may by a single ordinance repeal an existing county zoning ordinance and reenact a comprehensive revision thereto in accordance with this section. 'Comprehensive revision', in this paragraph, means a complete rewriting of an existing zoning ordinance which changes numerous zoning provisions and alters or adds zoning districts. The comprehensive revision may provide that the existing ordinance shall remain in effect in a town for a period of up to one year or until the comprehensive revision is approved by the town board, whichever period is shorter. If the town board fails to approve the comprehensive revision within a year neither the existing ordinance nor the comprehensive revision shall be in force in that town."*

The revision of the zoning code is a major undertaking, and the process should be guided by a subcommittee of the Zoning and Land Regulation Committee, and the ordinance developed in consultation with town plan commission members, landowners, and other interested stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Comprehensive Chapter 10 Revision Subcommittee of the Zoning and Land Regulation (ZLR) Committee be established, comprised of 7 members appointed by the Chair of the ZLR committee, to include at least one member to represent each of the groups listed below:

- Zoning and Land Regulation Committee
- Environment Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
- Town government
- Area Builders & Realtors
- The Agricultural Community

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the subcommittee is charged with:

- Studying Chapter 10, including consideration of work completed in recent reviews and identifying problem areas;
- Conducting surveys, focus groups, and public meetings to gather broad public input on areas for improvement in Chapter 10;

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- Working with the Corporation Counsel, drafting a comprehensive revision of Chapter 10 for introduction by September 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Planning & Development shall provide staff support for the subcommittee with assistance from the Corporation Counsel and others as needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee may draft a request for proposals to retain the services of an outside law firm and/or consultant to provide additional staff support as needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that citizen members of the subcommittee shall receive per diems and mileage equivalent to that received by County Board members for service on boards or commissions.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall sunset two years after the adoption of this resolution unless renewed by the County Board.