



Town of Linn

Walworth County Wisconsin

Comp Plan 2040

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES AND PLAN ADOPTION

Introduction

The purpose of the Public Participation Procedures and Plan Adoption is to chronicle the means by which the Town of Linn engaged the public in the review and update of the *Town of Linn Year 2025 Comprehensive Plan* (the Plan) and describe the process by which the Town Board adopted the amended document. The goal of the update process was to ensure that the amended plan was developed in a fair and consensus based manner, and balanced community and individual interests to achieve the desired future for the Town of Linn.

Comprehensive Planning Law Requirements

Chapter 66.1001(4)(a), Wis. Stats., requires that, "The governing body of a local government unit shall adopt written procedures that are designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services, and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan. The written procedures shall provide for wide distribution of proposed, alternative or amended elements of a comprehensive plan and shall provide an opportunity for written comments on the plan to be submitted by members of the public to the governing body and for the governing body to respond to such written comments."

Public Participation Procedures

The Town of Linn, Walworth County, Wisconsin, in order to engage the public in the process of updating the Plan has adopted the following Public Participation Procedures. It is the intent of these procedures to provide opportunities for the public to be meaningfully involved throughout the planning process. The Town Board designated the Town of Linn Plan Commission as the appropriate representative body to initiate this public involvement effort. In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 66.1001(4)(a), Wis. Stats., the Plan Commission did:

- Prepare and distribute a Community Land Use Survey to the residents and landowners of the township.
- Hold a Community Engagement Session to begin the plan update process.
- Hold regularly scheduled meetings of the Plan Commission to review amended plan chapters and maps.
- Hold an Open House to review and discuss recommended revisions to the Plan.
- Hold a Public Hearing to solicit testimony from interested parties regarding recommended revisions to the Plan.
- Post all meeting summaries and draft plan elements and maps to the Town of Linn and Community Planning & Consulting websites, www.townoflinn.com and www.communityplanningandconsulting.com, respectively.
- Make available to the public, information about the planning process and copies of plan documents.
- Record meeting attendance through sign-in sheets as part of the plan process record.
- Recommend to the Town of Linn Board of Supervisors the adoption of these Public Participation Procedures.
- Actively solicit comments and suggestions from the residents and property owners of the Town, neighboring municipalities, local school districts, Walworth County, Southeastern

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Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, nonmetallic mining interests within the Town, and the general public.

- Accept written comments from residents, landowners, and other interested parties throughout the planning process.

All meetings related to the comprehensive plan were open to the public and duly posted pursuant to Ch. 985.02(2) Wis. Stats. The public notice announcing the required public hearing on the plan was published as a Class 1 notice, pursuant to Ch. 985.02(1) Wis. Stats., at least 30 days prior to the hearing. The Class 1 notice included the following:

- Date, time and place of the hearing.
- A brief summary of the recommended amendments to the *Town of Linn Year 2025 Comprehensive Plan*.
- The name of the Town representative who could provide additional information regarding the process of updating the plan.
- The locations where a copy of the updated comprehensive plan could be viewed prior to the hearing.

Prior to posting the public hearing notice, copies of the updated Plan were made available for viewing at the Town Hall and on the Town website located at www.townoflinn.com. Written testimony was accepted prior to and during the public hearing. Oral testimony was accepted during the hearing. All approved revisions to the updated Plan resulting from testimony provided during the hearing were posted to the project website and included in the official minutes of the hearing.

Plan Adoption

The Plan Commission was the primary party responsible for the development of the Plan and its update. Following the public hearing, and the incorporation of any revisions prompted by submitted testimony, the Plan Commission recommended to the Town Board the adoption of the *Town of Linn Comprehensive Plan 2040*.

Based on the recommendation of the Plan Commission, the Town Board, by majority vote, enacted an ordinance adopting the updated Plan. A copy of the ordinance and adopted Plan was delivered to the following parties:

- Walworth County
- City of Lake Geneva.
- Villages of Bloomfield, Fontana, and Williams Bay.
- Towns of Delavan, Geneva, Lyons, and Walworth.
- Lake Geneva Public Library
- Local School Districts
- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
- Wisconsin Departments of Administration, Natural Resources, and Transportation

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A copy of the *Town of Linn Comprehensive Plan 2040* will be permanently maintained at the Linn Town Hall and Lake Geneva Public Library for public viewing purposes. A copy of the document may be purchased by contacting the Town Clerk.

Plan Implementation & Update

The Plan Commission shall assist the Town Board in implementing the *Town of Linn Comprehensive Plan 20340*. From time to time, but not less than once every ten years, the Plan Commission shall review the comprehensive plan for potential changes, additions, amendments, or corrections. The Plan Commission shall be responsible for recommending comprehensive plan amendments to the Town Board on a majority vote of its entire membership.

Ordinance No. 2019- 002

TOWN OF LINN, WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TOWN OF LINN
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Linn, Walworth County

SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Linn Comprehensive Plan 2040 Adoption Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is for the Town of Linn, Walworth County, Wisconsin, to lawfully adopt an amended comprehensive plan as required under Chapter 66.1001(4)(c), Wis. Stats.

SECTION II – AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Linn, Walworth County, Wisconsin, has authority under its village powers under s. 60.22, Wis. Stats., to appoint a town plan commission under Chapters 60.62(4) and 62.23(1), Wis. Stats., and under Chapter 66.1001(4), Wis. Stats., to adopt this ordinance. The comprehensive plan of the Town of Linn must be in compliance with Chapter 66.1001(4)(c), Wis. Stats., in order for the Town Board to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the Town Board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, provides for the adoption by the Town of Linn a comprehensive plan under Chapter 66.1001(4), Wis. Stats.

SECTION IV – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Town Board has adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan as required by Chapter 66.1001(4)(a), Wis. Stats.

SECTION V – TOWN PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Plan Commission of the Town of Linn, by a majority vote of the entire commission, recorded in its official minutes, has adopted a resolution recommending to the Town Board the adoption of the Town of Linn Comprehensive Plan 2040, which contains all of the elements specified in Chapter 66.1001(2), Wis. Stats.

SECTION VI – PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Linn has held at least one public hearing on this ordinance, with notice in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 66.1001(4)(d), Wis. Stats.

SECTION VII – ADOPTION OF TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Town Board, by the enactment of this ordinance, formally adopts the document entitled Town of Linn Comprehensive Plan 2040 under Chapter 66.1001(4)(c), Wis. Stats.

SECTION VIII – SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

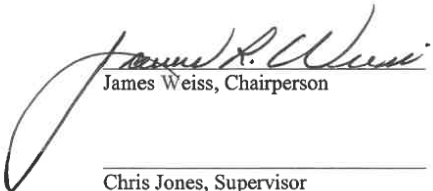
SECTION IX – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under Chapter 60.80, Wis. Stats., and a copy of the ordinance and the comprehensive plan, shall be filed with at least all of the entities specified under Chapter 66.1001(4)(b), Wis. Stats.

Adopted this ^{14th} day of October, 2019.

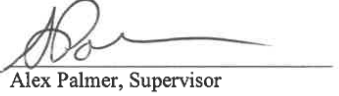
Town Board:


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10/14/19
Date

Chris Jones, Supervisor

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Roy White, Supervisor

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Attest:


Rose Miller, Clerk

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