

# VILLAGE OF BLANCHARDVILLE CHARTER ORDINANCE 2023 – 001

The Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville, Lafayette and Iowa Counties, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

Wisconsin law provides that the Village Board of Trustees, with advice of the voters, may adopt a Charter Ordinance to establish fundamental principles meant to be of enduring application and significance.

The Village of Blanchardville is a special place, blessed with the beauty of the Pecatonica River and a rich heritage that has sustained our community from 1890 into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The amenities and special places of our community warrant a commitment to maintain our Village into the future. To that end, this Ordinance establishes a Statement of Mission for Blanchardville which will guide our efforts into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section One:** This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, and Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.0101(4). This Ordinance states guiding principles and standards but does not compel the appropriation of money or obligate the Village Board to adopt any policy. Nonetheless, it shall serve as a commitment to preserve the essential elements of community that have strengthened and sustained Blanchardville through its history.

**Section Two:** A Charter Ordinance is hereby adopted which shall read as follows:

The Mission of the Village of Blanchardville.

The Village government of Blanchardville exists to provide public services in an economical, efficient manner which creates the high quality of life we wish to provide for our friends and families into the future.

The Goals of the Village of Blanchardville.

**OUR NATURAL SETTING.** All of us are the inheritors of a natural environment rich in scenic and life-sustaining features. The Village shall care for these resources with knowledge-based stewardship aimed at leaving our Village's setting in better condition than we came to it.

**OUR HERITAGE.** Many peoples from different nations joined the original inhabitants of our community to create a community which draws on all their experiences and strengths. We have received an immense body of knowledge of all kinds from our ancestors. The Village shall work in cooperation with our schools and community groups to educate our children in that heritage and knowledge to prepare ourselves for the challenges ahead.

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OUR SAFETY. Government's first duty is to provide the public with protection from those who would disturb the public peace, harm the vulnerable, or disturb property. Blanchardville continues to provide public safety personnel and resources to make our best efforts to keep our friends and families from harm's way.

OUR HEALTH. Medical care has brought enormous advances which offer the chance to lengthen and improve our lives. The Village shall work to promote health in the community and enhance the availability of medical care when illness does occur.

OUR HOMES. We live in private homes which are served by public services such as water, streets and parks. The Village shall support the housing stock of the community with quality infrastructure that carries our people forward to a more prosperous future.


OUR ECONOMY. Our community confronts change as events and trends from the weather, federal & state mandates, pandemics, and more present challenges to doing business. The Village shall execute its responsibilities and pursue all of these goals with an overriding zealously to respect the limits of taxpayers' capacity to pay and to maximize the efficient and proper use of all public resources. Professional partners, staff, and volunteers shall continue to be engaged to ensure our community accesses funding to help us safeguard our economic position.

We, the People of the Village of Blanchardville, undertake to pursue this mission for the betterment of our children, family, friends and nation.

**Section Three:** This Charter Ordinance shall be effective sixty days after its passage by at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Village Board and its publication unless, within such sixty (60) days, it be made subject to a referendum in the manner prescribed by Section 66.0101(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**Section Four:** Introduced for adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville, WI, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023. Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville, Lafayette and Iowa Counties with a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays

Village of Blanchardville

  
Nicholas J. Crooks, Village President

Attest:

  
Amy M. Barnes, WCMC  
Village Clerk – Treasurer

Date Adopted: 04/10/2023

Date Published: 04/27/2023