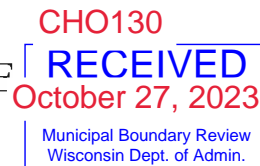


VILLAGE OF BLANCHARDVILLE CHARTER ORDINANCE
2023 – 003



**A CHARTER ORDINANCE RELATING TO ESTABLISHING TWO YEAR TERMS
Qualifications and Standards for the Village President**

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.

Section 1: The authority of the Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville, Wisconsin to enact this CHARTER ordinance are the powers conferred by Wisconsin State Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Village President is empowered and required to execute critical responsibilities as described in Wisconsin State Statutes 61.24;

WHEREAS, many communities in Wisconsin have terms of office longer than two years for that very reason;

WHEREAS, the Village Board would like to encourage Federal and State Partners to adopt strict term limits and removal from office standards regarding the conduct and background of elected officials;

WHEREAS, the decision on the length of terms of local office holders is a home rule issue of ultimate importance to the governance of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville

SECTION 1. The Village of Blanchardville, Wisconsin, pursuant to Sections 66.0101 and 61.195, Wisconsin Statutes, hereby elects not to be governed by any portions of Sections 61.19, 61.20, 61.23, 8.05 and 8.30, Wisconsin Statutes, relating to the terms of office and qualifications for the office of Village President, to the extent, if any, that such sections may be in conflict with this Charter Ordinance. This Charter Ordinance amends Sections 61.19, 61.20, 61.23, 8.05 and 8.30, Wisconsin Statutes, and any applicable sections of the Village Charter, to the extent, if any, that such sections may be in conflict with this Charter Ordinance;

SECTION 2. The Village of Blanchardville Municipal Code 65-1 is repealed and re-created as follows.

- Qualified Candidates for Village President shall have served as a committee member, trustee, alderman, mayor, or president.
- Alternative to a completed term as a Blanchardville Trustee, the candidate may attest to a completed term as an alderman, mayor, or trustee elsewhere and the Village Clerk shall make a best effort attempt to verify such claim.
- A qualified candidate shall have no felony convictions.
- A qualified candidate shall have no misdemeanor convictions of domestic violence, or pecuniary offenses like embezzlement or fraud.
- The Blanchardville Police Department or appropriate County Sheriff's Office shall provide an accurate account to the Village Clerk about candidates, for the purposes of determining candidacy qualification.
- The Village Clerk shall not be bound to disclose more than a decision about qualification, and which if any category of offense triggered a decision for disqualification.
- The outgoing Village Board shall make qualification determinations in March, should there be material issues with determining a Village President Candidacy Qualification status.

- The Village President shall be elected at the regular spring election in odd-numbered years for a term of two years, commencing on the third Tuesday of April in the year of their election.

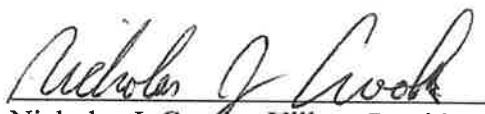
SECTION 3. The Village President is held to the following standards and replacement of the President shall be addressed as follows:

- The President upon conviction of any felony offense or embezzlement, shall be suspended from further duties and the Chairperson of Public Safety or Village Clerk shall call a Personnel Committee Meeting with an Agenda Item to dismiss the current President and replace them with a currently serving trustee that meets the basic qualifications described in section 2.
- Any Personnel Committee Meeting having an Agenda Item dealing with the provisions of Section 3 shall be scheduled at the earliest possible time that quorum can be achieved.
- If there's an emergency order or situation occurring at the time of any suspension the Chairperson of Public Safety shall assume responsibility for carrying out the President's Duties until the Personnel Committee has made its decisions.
- If a President is dismissed, they shall at the earliest physical possibility turn in any key(s) and equipment for which there is a controlled receipt. The Officer in Charge or Village Clerk may receive such items and provide receipt for the items returned. Failure to comply shall result in no less than a class c misdemeanor.


SECTION 4. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after its passage and publication, unless within such sixty (60) days a referendum petition shall be filed as provided by Section 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in which event this ordinance shall not take effect until submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of electors voting thereon as provided by Section 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Introduced for adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville, WI, this 7th day of August 2023. Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Blanchardville, Lafayette and Iowa Counties with a vote of 5 yes and 0 nays (two members absent).

Village of Blanchardville


Nicholas J. Crooks, Village President

Attest:


Amy M. Barnes, WCMC
Village Clerk – Treasurer

Date Adopted: August 7, 2023

Date Published: August 24 2023