

**VILLAGE OF CHENEQUA
ORDINANCE NO 2026-02-09-02**

AN ORDINANCE TO RECREATE THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF DELAFIELD, CITY OF OCONOMOWOC, TOWN OF DELAFIELD, TOWN OF ERIN, TOWN OF MERTON, TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC, TOWN OF OTTAWA, VILLAGE OF CHENEQUA, VILLAGE OF DOUSMAN, VILLAGE OF HARTLAND, VILLAGE OF JOHNSON CREEK, VILLAGE OF LAC LABELLE, VILLAGE OF LISBON, VILLAGE OF MERTON, VILLAGE OF NASHOTAH, VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE, VILLAGE OF SULLIVAN, VILLAGE OF SUMMIT, VILLAGE OF SUSSEX, TOWN OF IXONIA (Contract Member), TOWN OF SULLIVAN (Contract Member), and VILLAGE OF PALMYRA (Contract Member) PURSUANT TO SECTION § 755.01(4) AND § 66.0301 WISCONSIN STATUTES

The Village Board of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1.

Ordinance No. 2021-12-13-01 dated on or about December 13, 2021, entitled “An Ordinance to Create and Establish A Municipal Court For the City of Delafield, City of Oconomowoc, Town of Delafield, Town of Erin, Town of Merton, Town of Oconomowoc, Town of Ottawa, Village of Chenequa, Village of Dousman, Village of Hartland, Village of Johnson Creek, Village of Lac LaBelle, Village of Lisbon, Village of Merton, Village of Nashotah, Village of Oconomowoc Lake, Village of Sullivan, Village of Summit, Village of Sussex, Town of Ixonia (Contract Member), and Town of Sullivan (Contract Member), is hereby repealed and the Municipal Court Ordinance is hereby re-created as follows:

MUNICIPAL COURT

(1) MUNICIPAL COURT RECREATED

The Lake Country Municipal Court (“Municipal Court”) was created and established a under the provisions of Chapter 755 of the Wisconsin Statutes for the City of Delafield, City of Oconomowoc, Town of Delafield, Town of Erin, Town of Merton, Town of Oconomowoc, Town of Ottawa, Village of Chenequa, Village of Dousman, Village of Hartland, Village of Johnson Creek, Village of Lac LaBelle, Village of Lisbon, Village of Merton, Village of Nashotah, Village of Oconomowoc Lake, Village of Sullivan, Village of Summit, Village of Sussex, Town of Ixonia (Contract Member), Town of Sullivan (Contract Member) (collectively the “Members”) by identical ordinances pursuant to §755.01(4). The Village of Palmyra, having adopted an ordinance identical to this ordinance, shall join the Municipal Court as a Contract Member, and the Members, by this ordinance, accepts the Village of Palmyra as a Contract Member to be added as a Member of the Municipal Court.

(2) MUNICIPAL JUDGE

This court shall be presided over by a Municipal Judge, who shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Wisconsin, and who shall reside in one of the court’s Member Municipalities. The Municipal Judge shall be elected at large in the spring election for a term of four (4) years commencing on May 1. All candidates for the position of Municipal Judge shall be nominated by nomination papers as provided in

Section 8.10, Wis. Stats., and selection at a primary election if such is held as provided in Section 8.11, Wis Stats. Each Member Municipality shall provide for a primary election whenever three (3) or more candidates file nomination papers for the position of Municipal Judge as provided in Section 8.11(1)(a), Wis. Stats., and such primary election shall be held on the third Tuesday of February as provided in Section 5.02(22), Wis. Stats.

(3) ELECTIONS

The Municipal Clerk of each municipality shall see to the compliance with §5.58(1)(c), §5.60(1)(b), §5.60(2), §7.15, §7.60(4)(a), and §8.10(6)(bm) to provide for the election of a Municipal Judge under §755.01(4).

(4) OATH AND BOND

The Judge shall, after his/her election or appointment to fill a vacancy, take and file the official oath as prescribed in §757.02(1) Wis. Stats. The Municipal Judge shall not act until his/her oath has been filed as required by Section §19.01(4)(c) and Section §755.03(2) Wis. Stats.

(5) SALARY

The salary of the Judge shall be set by the annual budget of the Court, approved and recommended by the Administrative Committee, and approved by the City Council and Village and Town Boards as part of the budget process.. No salary shall be paid for any time during his/her term during which such Judge has not executed his official oath, as required by §755.03, Wis. Stats., and filed pursuant to §19.01 Wis. Stats. The Municipalities may, by separate ordinances, resolutions, or through the budget process, allocate funds for the administration of the Municipal Court pursuant to Wis. Stats. §66.0301.

(6) JURISDICTION

The municipal Judge of the Municipal Court shall have such jurisdiction as provided by §755.045 and §755.05 Wis. Stats., and as otherwise provided by State Law. The Municipal Judge is authorized to issue inspection warrants under §66.0119 Wis. Stats.

(7) LOCATION AND HOURS

The Municipal Court shall be held in the Community Room of the City of Oconomowoc Public Safety Building, 630 East Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin or at such other locations as the Administrative Committee may direct. The Municipal Court shall be open at such times as determined by the Municipal Judge, but no less than every Friday commencing at 8:00am.

(8) FINES AND FORFEITURES

The Municipal Judge may impose punishment and sentence as provided by Section 800.09, Wis. Stats., and as provided in the ordinances of the Member Municipalities. All forfeitures, fees, penalty assessments, and other costs paid to the Municipal Court

shall be accounted for and disbursed by the Municipal Court with the approval of the Operations Committee on a not less than monthly basis.

(9) STIPULATIONS AND DEPOSITS IN MUNICIPAL COURT

The Municipal Court herein established shall be operated pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 800 Wis. Stats., and where applicable, other provisions of the Wis. Stats. as referred to in subsection (10) below. The Municipal Judge shall establish in accordance with §800.03(3) Wis. Stats., a schedule of deposits for violations of City, Town, and Village ordinances, resolutions and bylaws, except traffic regulations which are and shall be governed by §345.26 Wis. Stats., and boating violations which are, and shall be governed by §23.66 and §23.67 Wis. Stats. Such deposit schedule shall be approved by the respective governing bodies of the municipalities creating and establishing this Court and shall be made available upon request.

(10) PROCEDURE IN MUNICIPAL COURT

The procedure in Municipal Court shall be as provided by this Ordinance and State Law including, but not excluding because of enumeration Chapter 66, 345, 751, 755, 757, and 800 of Wis. Stats.

(11) CONTEMPT PROCEDURE

- (a) The Municipal Judge may impose a sanction authorized under §800.12(1) for contempt of court, as defined in §785.01(1) Wis. Stats., in accordance with the procedure under §785.03 Wis. Stats.
- (b) The Municipal Judge may impose a forfeiture for contempt under §800.12(2) Wis. Stats., in an amount not to exceed \$200.00 or, upon nonpayment of the forfeiture and the penalty assessment under §800.12(3) Wis. Stats., a jail sentence not to exceed 7 days.

(12) TERMINATION

Any Member Municipality may withdraw from this Agreement by giving notice in writing to the Judge and Chair of the Administrative Committee no later than August 31st of any year. Upon giving such notice, the Member Municipality's participation in the Municipal Court shall terminate at the end of said year. The Municipal Court hereby established shall not be abolished while the Section 755.01(4), Wis. Stats., Agreement is in effect.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY


The several sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable, such decision shall apply only to the specific section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections, or portions thereof of the ordinance. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Any other ordinances whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted this 9th day of February, 2026

VILLAGE OF CHENEQUA

By: 
Jo Ann Villavicencio
Village President

ATTEST:


Pamela Ann Little
Village Clerk-Treasurer

Date Adopted: February 9, 2026

Dated Posted: February 9, 2026