# STATE OF WISCONSIN TOWN OF WASHINGTON, VILAS COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

# CHAPTER 17: CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION ABOUT INCOME AND EXPENSES REQUESTED BY THE ASSESSOR IN PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MATTERS; AS AMENDED FEBRUARY 8, 2023

#### 17.01Title and Purpose

The title of this ordinance is Town of Washington Confidentiality of Information about Income and Expenses Requested by the Assessor in Property Assessment Matters. The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure confidentiality of information about income and expenses by the assessor in property assessment matters for commercial properties.

## 17.02 Authority

The Town of Washington has the authority to enact this ordinance under its village powers under Section 279(K) of 1997 Wisconsin Act 237, 70.47 (7) (af) Wisconsin Statutes.

### 17.03 Regulations Governing Assessor Duties

Whenever the Assessor, in the performance of the Assessor's duties, requests or obtains income and expense information for commercial properties, the information that is provided to the Assessor shall be held by the Assessor on a confidential basis, except, however, that the information may be revealed to and used by person: In the discharge of duties imposed by law, in the discharge of duties imposed by office (including, but not limited to, use by the Assessor in performance of official duties of the Assessor's office and use by the Board of Review in performance of its official duties); or pursuant to a court order. Income and expenses information provided to the Assessor under 70.47 (7) (af) Wisconsin Statues, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is, per 70.47 (7) (af) Wisconsin Statues, not subject to the right of inspection and copying under 19.35 (1) Wisconsin Statues.

#### 17.04Severability

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conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

### 17.05 Adoption of Ordinance

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the Town Board with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, formally adopts the Town of Washington Ordinance for Confidentiality of Information about Income and Expenses requested by the Assessor in Property Assessment Matters. This ordinance repeals and replaces all ordinances pertaining to confidentiality of information about income and expenses requested by the assessor previously adopted by the Town of Washington.

#### 17.07 Effective Date

This ordinance is effective upon adoption and publication or posting. The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under 60.80 Wisconsin Statues.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

Jim Egan, Town Chairman

Attest:

Maney Sobralski, Town Clerk

Effective Date: February 9, 2023 Publication Date: February 9, 2023 Town of Washington Ordinance Amendment Record

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Date	Article	Section	Amendment Summary
02/08/2023			Updating Ordinance 2000-2A to Chapter 17 as written/format changes only; added commercial property reference in Sections 17.01 and 17.03.