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CHAPTER 1

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SEC. 2-1-1 CITY GOVERNMENT.

(a) **Mayor-Council Government.** The City of Thorp is a body corporate and politic with the powers of a municipality at common law and governed by the provisions of Chapters 62 and 66 of the Wisconsin Statutes, other acts of the legislature and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin. The City of Thorp operates under the Mayor-Council form of government under Chapter 62, Wis. Stats.

(b) **Division of Responsibilities.**

(1) Legislative Branch. The Common Council is the legislative branch of City Government. Its primary business is the passage of laws in the form of ordinances or resolutions which shall prescribe what the law shall be, not only in relation to the particular facts existing at the time, but as to all future cases arising under it. The Common Council shall fix the salaries of all officers and employees of the City, and be charged with the official management of the

City's financial affairs, its budget, its revenues and the raising of funds necessary for the operation of the City.

- (2) Executive Branch. The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer. He shall take care that all City ordinances and state laws are observed and enforced and that all City officers, boards, committees and commissions discharge their duties. When present, he shall preside at the meetings of the Common Council. He shall from time to time give the Council such information and recommend such measures as he may deem advantageous to the City.

State Law Reference: Wis. Const. Art. XI, Section 3.

SEC. 2-1-2 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

The official newspaper of the City of Thorp shall be the Thorp Courier.

State Law Reference: Section 985.06, Wis. Stats.

SEC. 2-1-3 ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

The City shall be divided into four (4) wards, the numbers and boundaries of which shall be as follows:

- (a) **Ward 1**. All that area within the City boundaries lying East of South Washington Street (State Hwy 73 and County Road M) and South of East Stanley Street (County Road X), being part of Section 31, Township 29 North, Range 3 West.
- (b) **Ward 2**. All that area within the City boundaries lying East of North Washington Street (State Hwy 73) and North of East Stanley Street (County Road X), being part of Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 3 West.
- (c) **Ward 3**. All that area within the City boundaries lying West of North Washington Street (State Hwy 73) and North of West Stanley Street (County Road X), being part of Section 25, Township 29 North, Range 4 West. ALSO the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4-SW1/4), Section Twenty-four (24), Township Twenty-nine (29)North, Range Four (4) West.
- (d) **Ward 4**. All that area within the City boundaries lying West of South Washington Street (State Hwy 73 and County Road M) and South of West Stanley Street

- (County Road X), being part of Section 36, Township 29 North, Range 4 West.
- (e) **Aldermanic Districts.** The boundaries and the number of the Aldermanic Districts of the City shall correspond to the boundaries and numbers of its wards.

State Law Reference: Section 5.15, Wis. Stats.

SEC. 2-1-4 CITY BOUNDARIES.

- (a) The Common Council shall annually, at the first regular meeting after the organizational meeting, certify by resolution the then-existing legal description of the total boundaries of the City, which resolution shall be kept on file at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Changes in boundaries and annexations shall be reported by the Clerk-Treasurer to the Secretary of State as required by Section 66.021(8), Wis. Stats.
- (b) The Council may, from time to time, direct a survey of its present boundaries to be made which may be on file in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clark County pursuant to Section 66.021(8)(c), Wis. Stats.

State Law Reference: Section 66.021(8), Wis. Stats.

SEC. 2-1-5 APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICIALS.

- (a) There shall be a minimum of three (3) inspectors for each polling place at each election held under Chapters 5 to 12, Wis. Stats. Inspectors shall be appointed and authorized to work at different times on election day as provided in Section 7.30, Wis. Stats.
- (b) The municipal clerk is authorized to select and employ tabulators for any election. Tabulators shall assist and be under the direction of the inspectors after the close of polls as provided in Section 7.30, Wis. Stats.

State Law Reference: Section 7.30, Wis. Stats.

SEC. 2-1-6 ELECTIONS.

- (a) **Annual City Election.** The annual City election shall be held on the first Tuesday in April.

- (b) **Polling Hours.** The polls for all elections shall open and close at the times provided by state law, or if not provided, the polls shall open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The rules regarding voting booths, ballots, election officials, and all the rules for the conduct of elections under state law shall apply to elections conducted in the City of Thorp.
- (c) **Polling Places.** The designated polling place for all wards of the City of Thorp shall be at the City Hall, or at such other places designated by the Common Council.