

ORDINANCE

SUBJECT: GENERAL GOVERNMENT

COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FIRST CONSIDERATION: Feb. 16, 2012

FINAL CONSIDERATION: March 15, 2012

ORDINANCE # 103 – 3/12 **PUBLICATION DATE** 3/23/12

The County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County does ordain as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SS. 1.01(1)(f) AND (2)(a), 1.02, 1.16(2)(f) AND (3), 1.21(4)(b)5., 1.28, 1.30, 1.31, 1.41(3), 1.47(1), 1.48, AND TO REPEAL SS. 1.37 AND 1.42(2)(h), OF CHAPTER 1 ENTITLED "GENERAL GOVERNMENT" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ANALYSIS

These amendments to Chapter 1 change some general provisions regarding Standing Committees and the membership on several committees. The County Board Chair or committee chair, if the Board Chair is not present, shall have authority to appoint 1 or more temporary replacements to assure that a quorum is present for a committee meeting. A section was added to provide that no County Board Supervisor shall serve as a permanent member on more than 2 Standing Committees. The ordinance change also reduces the size of the Judiciary & Law Committee from 7 to 5 members and the Aging & Long Term Care Committee from 7 to 5 County Board Supervisors. The amendment also changes the name of the Aging and Long Term Care Committee to Veterans, Aging and Long Term Care Committee.

The other changes to the ordinance are primarily housekeeping changes. Changes were made to the section involving the elected officials to reflect the size of the County Board of 29 members and to reflect the change in terms for County Treasurer, County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Clerk of Courts to 4 year terms. Other changes include reflecting that the term of a number of officials is indefinite, adding sections for the County Administrator to provide for the appointment of Deputy County Administrators and the designation of other persons as the Administrative Board of Review. An amendment to s. 1.40(3)(b) provides that the County Administrator may delegate his authority to appoint members to boards and commissions to the County Board Chair, which reflects the current practice. Printing Department Director is deleted as a County official, and Zoning and Planning Administrator replaces Zoning, Planning and Land Information Director. Finally, a section was added to the duties or powers of the Corporation Counsel to allow the Corporation Counsel to settle claims that do not exceed \$5,000 and also to approve settlements of state or federal citations against County nursing homes.

INFORMATION:

County Board Rules: Governing Body s. 2.02(8) states, in part: Ordinances are drafted by the Corporation Counsel. After the ordinance has been reviewed by a standing committee, each Supervisor will be given a copy of the ordinance showing the deleted language (grayed) and the new language (underlined) and an analysis of the intent of the ordinance. After introduction to the County Board, the ordinance shall be referred to the next monthly meeting unless waived by a 2/3 vote of the Supervisors present and a public hearing may be held if requested by a Supervisor. An amendment may be introduced and debated at either the original or the referred meeting. Copies of the ordinances of the County of La Crosse in their entirety are available with Corporation Counsel, County Clerk, or www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/code/.