

TOWN OF OXFORD

ORDINANCE # 43

ESTABLISH AND/OR CHANGE THE NUMBER OF ELECTION OFFICIALS

Whereas, Section 7.32, Wis. Stats; allows a municipal governing body to establish one set of election officials to conduct all elections in the Town of Oxford, which shall consist of seven (7) election inspectors.

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Oxford has determined that it would be advantageous to the town to have only as many election officials as are needed for a given election.

Whereas, Sec. 7.30(1)(b) allows for the appointment of one additional inspector to serve at the polling place, without regard to party affiliation who shall serve as a greeter to answer questions and direct the voters to the proper locations for registration and voting, and who shall be available to substitute for other election officials who must leave the room during the voting process.

Whereas, in order to be a qualified election inspector, the person must be a resident of the Town of Oxford, Marquette County, Wisconsin and be able to read and write English and agree to obtain election training in order to have a general knowledge of election laws.

Whereas, if the Town Board Chairperson or Chief Election Inspector, who is appointed by the Town Clerk on Election Day, and shall report to the Town Board chairperson, has "good cause" to **not** appoint someone whose name has been submitted by a political party, they may request the Wisconsin Elections Commission to authorize non-appointment under Section 7.30(4)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Whereas, if no lists of names are submitted by the political parties, the Town Board Chairperson may develop a list of nominees to be presented to the Town Board for approval under Section 7.30(4)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes in December of odd numbered years.

Now Therefore the Town Board of the Town of Oxford, Marquette County, Wisconsin does ordain as follows:

1. There shall consist a list of seven (7) election officials for the Town of Oxford, and if possible a list of substitutes available to choose from should any appointed election official be unable to work an election.
2. The Town Clerk shall determine in advance of each election how many election officials are needed; and shall have the power to determine the number of election officials needed; no more than seven (7) and no less than three (3).
3. The number of election officials shall always be an odd number.
4. **If possible**, the Town Clerk will report to the board before an election the number of election officials required to work at any given election, and seek the board's approval.

Passed this 9th day of October, 2019
By the Town Board of the Town of Oxford

Keith Wohlfert, Chairman

Mark Maier, Supervisor

Stephen Klump, Supervisor

ATTESTED BY:

Mary Walters, Town Clerk