

CHAPTER 7  
ASSESSORS DUTIES REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS

SECTIONS:

2-7-1 Purpose

2-7-2 Statutory Authority

2-7-3 Assessor' s duties regarding confidential income information; Exceptions

2-7-4 Severability Clause

2-7-5 Effective Date

2-7-1 PURPOSE: To bring the Town in compliance with Wisconsin State Statute 70.47(7)(af), which requires that municipalities provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to their Assessor under Section 70.47 (7)( af), Wis. Stats. Said Ordinance shall provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or by the duties of their office or by order of the court.

2-7-2 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Wisconsin law Section 279(K) of the Budget Adjustment Act, 1997 Wisconsin Act 237, creating Wisconsin Statutes Section 70.47(7)(af).

2-7-3 ASSESSOR'S DUTIES REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL INCOME INFORMATION;

EXCEPTIONS: Whenever the Assessor, in the performance of the Assessor's duties, requests or obtains income and expense information pursuant to Section 70.47(7)(af), Wis. Stats. , or any successor statute thereto, then, such income and expense information that is provided to the Assessor shall be held by the Assessor on a confidential basis, except, however, that said information may be revealed to and used by persons: in the discharging 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 order of a court. Income and expense information provided to the Assessor under Section 70.47(7)(af), unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is, per Section 70. 47 (7) (af), not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Section 19.35(1), Wis. Stats.

2-7-4 SEVERABILTIY CLAUSE: All sections or parts thereof contained within 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 ordinance whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

2-7-5 EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and yosting or publication as provided by law.

Adopted November 12, 2002

AMENDED: 11/15/2022

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Board of the Town of Lake Mills, Jefferson County, Wisconsin on this 15 day of November, 20 22

Adopted this 15 day of November, 2022.

Attest: Robin Untz

Robin Untz, Town Clerk

Thomas Buechel

Thomas Buechel, Chairperson

David Schroeder

David Schroeder, Supervisor I

James Heinz

James Heinz, Supervisor II