



VILLAGE OF WESTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ORDINANCE NO. 15-023

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 94.16.11(7) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE
ENTITLED *CRITERIA FOR GRANT OF A VARIANCE*.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Weston is authorized to prepare, amend and adopt a zoning ordinance under Wis. Stat. §§ 62.23 and 61.35; and

WHEREAS, the Village adopted a new Chapter 94 in March 2015, to serve as the Village's general zoning ordinance and the Village's extraterritorial zoning ordinance for the portions of the Town of Weston defined as the extraterritorial zoning area; and

WHEREAS, Village Staff has requested an amendment to require additional criteria be met for meeting the test to grant a variance; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission has recommended enactment of the Zoning Ordinance amendments set forth below, for applicability within the Village limits; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Town and Village Extraterritorial Zoning Committee has recommended enactment of the Zoning Ordinance amendments set forth below, for applicability within the Extraterritorial Zoning limits of the Town of Weston; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Village and Town of Weston Extraterritorial Zoning Committee and Village Plan Commission have held a joint public hearing on this ordinance on October 12, 2015, in compliance with Wis. Stat. § 62.23, and following such hearing the Board considered public comments and the recommendation of the Village Plan Commission and Joint Village and Town of Weston Extraterritorial Zoning Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds the proposed amendment is reasonable, consistent with the Village Comprehensive Plan, and in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of Weston, Marathon County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 94.16.11(7) of the Village Of Weston Zoning Ordinance entitled (7) *Criteria for Grant of a Variance* is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Section 94.16.11: Variance Procedures

(7) **Criteria for Grant of a Variance.** The Zoning Board of Appeals shall determine that all of the following criteria have been met before granting a variance:

- (a) That compliance with the strict letter of the zoning ordinance would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with such

restrictions unnecessarily burdensome. It is not sufficient that a variance applicant show that the zoning regulation(s) prevents or burdens his or her planned activity. Such applicant must show by competent evidence that the regulation unreasonably prevents or unnecessarily burdens the proposed activity.

- (b) That compliance with the strict letter of the zoning ordinance would create unnecessary hardship due to a unique property condition, meaning a special physical feature or limitation of the property that is not generally shared by nearby land or property within the same zoning district. If a variance applicant fails to prove the existence of a unique property condition and a connection between the condition and the hardship, even if the hardship is great, a variance may not be granted.
- (c) That the requested variance will not be contrary to the public interest, the intent and purpose of this Chapter, or the Village’s Comprehensive Plan.
- (d) That the requested variance is for a provision of this Chapter authorized for potential variances under Section 94.16.11(2), and in no case shall allow a land use that is not listed as a permitted, conditionally permitted, or temporary land use in the associated zoning district.
- (e) **Loss of profit or pecuniary hardship shall not, in and of itself, be grounds for a variance.**

SECTION 2: The amendment effectuated by this Ordinance shall apply within the municipal limits of the Village and within its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction in the Town of Weston.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby. If an application of this Ordinance to a particular structure, land, or water is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not be applicable to any other structure, land, or water not specifically included in said judgment. If any requirement or limitation attached to an authorization given under this Ordinance is found invalid, it shall be presumed that the authorization would not have been granted without the requirement or limitation and, therefore, said authorization shall also be invalid. Any other ordinances whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval and publication.

Dated the 19th day of October, 2015

WESTON VILLAGE BOARD

By: _____
Barbara Ermeling, its President

Attest:

Sherry Weinkauf, its Clerk

APPROVED: _____

PUBLISHED: _____