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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 five (5) aldermanic districts, the numbers and boundaries of which shall be as follows:

- (a) **First Aldermanic District**. That area within the City boundaries described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW¹/₄-SW¹/₄), Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-nine (29) North, Range Three (3) West, also being the southeast corner of the public high school grounds; thence north along the east line of said forty to Prospect Street; thence westerly to Clark Street; thence south to Lawrence Street; thence west to Washington Street; thence south to the southwest corner of the abovesaid forty; thence east to the point of beginning.
- (b) **Second Aldermanic District**. That area within the City boundaries described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of Prospect Street and the eastern municipal boundary of the City of Thorp, which is also the east line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW¹/₄-SW¹/₄), Section Thirty (30), Township Twenty-nine (29) North, Range Three (3) West;

thence north along the eastern municipal boundary of the City of Thorp to the right-of-way of the Wisconsin Central Railroad; thence westerly along the right-of-way of the Wisconsin Central Railroad to Washington Street; thence south to Lawrence Street; thence east to Clark Street; thence north to Prospect Street; thence easterly to the point of beginning.

- (c) **Third Aldermanic District.** That area within the City boundaries described as follows: Commencing at the extension of Wilson Street and the right-of-way of the West Central Railroad; thence easterly along the right-of-way of the Wisconsin Central Railroad to Washington Street; thence south to Stanley Street; thence west to Olson Street; thence north to the point of beginning. ALSO all that part of the City of Thorp lying west of Wilson Street. ALSO the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW $\frac{1}{4}$), Section Twenty-four (24), Township Twenty-nine (29) North, Range Four (4) West.
- (d) **Fourth Aldermanic District.** That area within the City boundaries described as follows: All that part of the City of Thorp lying north of the right-of-way of the Wisconsin Central Railroad EXCEPT the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -SW $\frac{1}{4}$), Section Twenty-four (24), Township Twenty-nine (29) North, Range Four (4) West.
- (e) **Fifth Aldermanic District.** That area within the City boundaries described as follows: The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ -SE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section Thirty-six (36), Township Twenty-nine (29) North, Range Four (4) West; being bounded on the east by Washington Street; being bounded on the north by Stanley Street; being bounded on the west by Wilson Street; and being bounded on the south by the right-of-way of State Highway 29.

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.

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 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 at 9:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The rules regarding voting booths, ballots and election officials the conduct of elections set forth in Title II Wisconsin Statutes 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.