
CHAPTER 18 - TOWN OF UNION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 18 Town of Union Comprehensive Plan Ordinance STATE OF WISCONSIN Town of Union, Rock County

Section 18.01 TITLE/PURPOSE

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Union Comprehensive Plan Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is for the Town of Union to lawfully adopt a comprehensive plan as required under s. 66.1001 (4) (c), Wis. stats.

Section 18.02 AUTHORITY

The town board of the Town of Union has authority under its village powers under s. 60.22, Wis. stats., its power to appoint a town plan commission under ss. 60.62 (4) and 62.23 (1), Wis. stats., and under s. 66.1001 (4), Wis. stats., to adopt this ordinance. The comprehensive plan of the Town of Union must be in compliance with s. 66.1001 (4) (c), Wis. stats., in order for the town board to adopt this ordinance.

Section 18.03 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The town board of the Town of Union, by this ordinance, adopted on proper notice with a quorum and roll call vote by a majority of the town board present and voting, provides the authority for the Town of Union to adopt its comprehensive plan under s. 66.1001 (4), Wis. stats., and provides the authority for the town board to order its publication.

Section 18.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The town board of the Town of Union has adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan as required by s. 66.1001 (4) (a), Wis. stats.

Section 18.05 TOWN PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Plan Commission of the Town of Union, by a majority vote of the entire commission, recorded in its official minutes, has adopted a resolution recommending to the town board the adoption of the Town of Union Comprehensive Plan, which contains all of the elements specified in s. 66.1001 (2), Wis. stats.

Section 18.06 PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Union, has held at least one public hearing on this ordinance, with notice in compliance with the requirements of s. 66.1001 (4) (d), Wis. stats.

Section 18.07 ADOPTION OF TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The town board of the Town of Union, by the enactment of this ordinance, formally adopts the document entitled Town of Union Comprehensive Plan Ordinance under pursuant to s. 66.1001 (4) (c), Wis. stats. It does so with the following understanding and reinforcement of the Town Plan Commission's resolution in recommending the Town Comprehensive Plan.

Whereby, the Town of Union is required by Wisconsin State Law §62.23 and 66.1001 to

prepare and adopt a Comprehensive Plan for the township; and

Whereby, the Plan Commission of the Town of Union, Rock County, Wisconsin has reviewed the Town of Union Comprehensive Plan created by the Town of Union Smart Growth Committee; and

Whereby, the Town of Union Board adopted written procedures to foster public participation and that such procedures allowed public participation at each stage of preparing the Comprehensive Plan documents and maps; and

Whereby, the Comprehensive Plan meets and includes the nine specified elements specified by state statute (Issues & Opportunities, Housing, Transportation, Utilities and Community Facilities, Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources, Economic Development, Intergovernmental Cooperation, Land Use, and Implementation & Evaluation); and

Whereby, the Plan Commission of the Town of Union has noted that the Township of Union has historically been an agricultural community; and

Whereby, the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map offer a road map that seeks to retain the township's rural character and to limit non-agricultural growth as much as possible; and

Whereby, a town resident survey showed most residents favor limited growth; and

Whereby, the following items demonstrate practical and compelling reasons for the Town of Union Board to control growth in the Town of Union

1. Union township is a small community with limited government resources, there are no full-time employees of the township. Planning is done by part-time supervisors and volunteers. The township is so small in population that it doesn't even have a town hall. Without reasonable limits to growth, the capacity of our volunteers and supervisors to plan could become overwhelmed.
2. Growth will necessitate road improvements. The Town has no road crew or equipment; road maintenance is contacted out to Rock County, and major road work is bid to private companies. Limiting and directing growth will allow building and improving roads in an orderly manner without undue disruption to traffic or out-of-proportion increases in taxes for roadwork.
3. Fire protection and ambulance service (EMS) are handled by volunteers. Police service is handled by the Rock County Sheriff's Department with some limited service from Evansville Police Department. Growth should be limited and directed so that these emergency services remain adequate for the population.
4. The majority of children from the Town of Union attend schools in the Evansville School District. Growth needs to be planned so that the schools are adequate for the educational needs and controlled so that there are no catastrophic tax increases to pay for them.

5. Park maintenance is done by volunteers and some contract employees. Growth needs to be orderly so that the park system can be adequately maintained.
6. Water and sewage. Currently 99% of homes are served by private wells and septic systems. Growth needs to be directed since the possibility exists for a regional sewage system in the northwest part of the township in the foreseeable future.
7. Sustainable growth. The plan calls for approximately 3% growth per year. Construction does have an economic impact on the Township. With controlled growth, this economic impact can be sustained instead of occurring in a boom/bust manner.

Therefore, the Town of Union, hereby adopts the Town of Union Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map as its guide for efficient, purposeful, affordable, and orderly growth.

Section 18.08 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision of application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

Section 18.09 EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.
 The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. stats.

Adopted this 5th day of October, 2006.

[Signature of Town Chairman]

 Kendall Schneider Date
 Town Board Chairman

Posted this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Attest: [Signature of town clerk]

 Linda O'Leary Date
 Town Board Clerk

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