

2024 VILLAGE BOARD – VILLAGE OF BROWNSVILLE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02

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**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT  
FOR THE CITY OF FOX LAKE, THE VILLAGE OF BROWNSVILLE,  
THE VILLAGE OF LOMIRA, VILLAGE OF IRON RIDGE, AND  
VILLAGE OF THERESA**

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The Village Board of the Village of Brownsville, Dodge County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: An Ordinance entitled “Joint Municipal Court” is hereby created to read as follows:

**JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT**

1. Joint Municipal Court Created. Pursuant to Chapter 755, Wisconsin Statutes, there is hereby created and established a Municipal Court designated “Joint Municipal Court for the City of Fox Lake, the Village of Brownsville, and the Village of Lomira, Village of Iron Ridge, and Village of Theresa” (hereafter known as “Joint Municipal Court”) presided over by a Municipal Judge. The Joint Municipal Court may also be referred to as the Fox Lake Municipal Court.
2. Creation of Municipal Court Committee. Each of the participating municipalities shall appoint one member and one alternate member to the Municipal Court Committee. The purpose of said committee shall be to facilitate the orderly administration and communication between the Municipal Judge and the participating members.
3. Creation and Qualification of the Position of Municipal Judge. Pursuant to Chapter 755, Wisconsin Statutes, the office of Municipal Judge is hereby created. Eligibility for the office of Municipal Judge shall be as follows: To be eligible for the office of Municipal Judge, a person must be a qualified elector in the City of Fox Lake, the Village of Brownsville, the Village of Lomira, Village of Iron Ridge, or and Village of Theresa.
4. Election and Term of Municipal Judge. Pursuant to Section 755.01(4), Wisconsin Statutes, the municipal judge for the existing municipal court shall serve as Municipal Judge for the Joint Municipal Court until the end of the term which expires April 30, 2024. The Municipal Judge must run for election in the spring, 2024 election at large for the term following that present term (which expires April 30, 2024), for a 4 year term, commencing on May 1 after his/her

election. Electors from the City of Fox Lake, the Village of Brownsville, the Village of Lomira, Village of Iron Ridge, and Village of Theresa shall be eligible to vote for the Municipal Judge of the Joint Municipal Court.

5. Creation of the Position of Court Clerk of the Municipal Court. Pursuant to Chapter 755, Wisconsin Statutes, the office of the Court Clerk of the Municipal Court is hereby created. Said clerk shall take the position upon agreement of the Municipal Judge. Training and compensation of said clerk shall be as determined by the Municipal Court Committee.
6. Salary of Municipal Judge. The Municipal Judge shall receive a fixed salary and Municipal Judge's training pursuant to Section 755.18, Wisconsin Statutes, the salary to be determined by the Municipal Court Committee, subject to Section 755.04, Wisconsin Statutes, which shall be in lieu of fees and costs. The salary shall be paid monthly. No salary shall be paid to the Municipal Judge anytime during his or her term for which he or she has not executed and filed the official bond and oath as required by subsection (7) of this section.
7. Bond and Oath of Municipal Judge. The Municipal Judge shall, after election or appointment to fill a vacancy, take and file the Official Oath as prescribed in section 757.02(1), Wisconsin Statutes, Pursuant to Section 755.03, Wisconsin Statutes, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dodge County, and at the same time, shall execute and file an official bond.
8. Bond and Oath of Municipal Court Clerk. The Municipal Court Clerk shall, before entering upon the duties of the office, take and file the Official Oath as prescribed in section 19.01, Wisconsin Statutes, with the City Clerk of the City of Fox Lake and at the same time, shall execute and file an official bond. The City Clerk of the City of Fox Lake will provide file copies to the Village of Brownsville.
9. Jurisdiction of Municipal Judge. The Municipal Judge shall have jurisdiction as provided by the Statutes and laws of the State of Wisconsin and pursuant to Section 755.045, Wisconsin Statutes.
10. Procedures of Joint Municipal Court.
  - A. The Joint Municipal Court shall be open as determined by the order of the Municipal Judge.
  - B. The Joint Municipal Court shall be held in the Council Chambers which is located in the City of Fox Lake City Hall.
  - C. The procedure in Joint Municipal Court shall be as provided by the Statutes and Laws of Wisconsin.

D. The Municipal Judge and/or his designated Court Clerk shall make daily deposits of all forfeitures, fees, penalties, assessments and costs collected in any action or proceeding before the Joint Municipal Court. These deposits will be made to the designated bank account as determined by the Joint Municipal Court Committee.

11. Contempt in Joint Municipal Court. The Municipal Judge may impose a sanction as authorized under Section 800.12 (2) Wisconsin Statutes, for Contempt of Court as defined in Section 785.01(1). Wisconsin Statutes, in accordance with the procedures under Section 785.03, Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances contravening or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The City of Fox Lake, the Village of Brownsville, the Village of Lomira, Village of Iron Ridge, and Village of Theresa shall enter into agreement for the operation of the Municipal Court upon mutually agreeable terms.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage herein by the Village of Brownsville and passage of an identical ordinance by the City of Fox Lake, the Village of Lomira, Village of Iron Ridge, and Village of Theresa, and upon publication as required by law, to take effect on the first day of the month following adoption of such identical ordinance by the last of the two municipalities to do so.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Brownsville, Wisconsin on June 12, 2024.

**VILLAGE OF BROWNSVILLE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Tim Kemmel, President

Attest:

  
Kat Hull, Clerk