**ORDINANCE #1-2023**

**ELECTION OFFICIALS ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPLIT SHIFTS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF ELECTION OFFICIALS AT ANY ELECTION

The Medary Town Board, Township of Medary, La Crosse County does ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION**

* 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize the clerk the ability to reduce the number of election inspectors for smaller elections and the ability to split the shifts for all elections in the Town of Medary.

* 1. Authority

Under Sections 7.30(1)(a) & (4) and 7.32, Wisconsin Statues, this ordinance is effective as adopted by a majority of the Town Board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given.

* 1. Repeal and adoption of provisions

Upon adoption of this ordinance, any and all former ordinances or parts thereof regulating elections for the Town of Medary that are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2 – ELECTION HOURS**

2.01 Pursuant to Section 7.30(1) Wisconsin Statutes, the Town Clerk is authorized, through this ordinance, to provide for the selection of two (or more) sets of officials to work at different times on each election day as follows:

(A) There shall be two shifts for election workers on all election days. The first shift shall commence at 6:30 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. The second shift shall commence at 1:30 p.m. and end with completion of all required election day duties that follow the closure of the polls.

(B) The Town Clerk shall have the authority to assign election officials to shifts and to schedule individual work times within each shift.

2.02 Pursuant to Section 7.30(1) Wisconsin Statutes, the Town Clerk is further authorized the option to appoint an additional election inspector to serve between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and one additional election inspector to serve between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (poll closing time). Each additional election inspector shall serve as a greeter to answer questions and to direct electors to the proper locations for registration and voting and shall be available to substitute for other election officials who must leave the room during the voting process.

**SECTION 3 – NUMBER OF ELECTION OFFICIALS**

Pursuant to Section 7.30(1)(a) and Section 7.32, Wisconsin Statutes, the Town is allowed to reduce the number of election officials at a polling place from the required seven (7) to not less than three (3). This ordinance authorizes the Town Clerk, at the clerk’s discretion, to reduce the number of election officials at any election to no less than three (3).

**SECTION 4 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon posting. The Town Clerk shall properly post this ordinance as required under s. [60.80](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/statutes/60.80), Wis. stats.

Adopted by the Medary Town Board of the Town of Medary, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

 By:

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Steve Elsen, Chairperson

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Diane Elsen, clerk

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