

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF ST. CROIX
CITY OF HUDSON

ORDINANCE NO. 8-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34 ELECTIONS
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF HUDSON, WISCONSIN

Upon review, recommendation, and consideration by the City of Hudson Common Council, the Common Council does ordain that Chapter 34, Elections, is hereby amended to include the following:

§ 34 - 6 Conduct Toward Election Official.

- A. No person shall, in a public or private place, engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud, or otherwise disorderly conduct directed at or toward an individual working in their capacity as an Election Official or based on their position as an Election Official.
- B. No person shall knowingly interfere with or obstruct any individual working in their capacity as an Election Official in the performance of such individual's duties related to the conduct of an election.
- C. No person shall send an individual working in their capacity as an Election Official or based on their position as an Election Official a telecommunication message, with the reasonable expectation that such individual will receive the message, using any harassing, violent, abusive, threatening, indecent, or profane language or image, or any other message in which such telecommunication message tends to cause or provoke a disturbance.
- D. Definitions.

"Election Official" has the same definition provided in Wis. Stats. § 5.02(4e), meaning an individual who is charged with any duties related to the conduct of an election.

"Telecommunication message" means any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, electronic message, or intelligence of any nature using any instrument, equipment, machine, or other device that facilitates telecommunication or electronic communication, including but not limited to a computer, computer network, computer chip, computer circuit, scanner, telephone, cellular telephone, pager, personal communications device, radio, transponder, receiver, modem, or device that enables the use of a modem.

E. Penalty for Violation. Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction for a first offense, forfeit not less than \$300.00 nor more than \$1,000.00. Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction for a second or subsequent offense within one year, forfeit not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$5,000.00.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Updated, Approved, and passed this 5th day of August 2024.

By the Common Council:

APPROVED:



Rich O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST:


Becky Eggen, City Clerk