Ordinance 24-07 An Ordinance Establishing a Twenty-First Ward in the City of Rice Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin

The Common Council of the City of Rice Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin (the "City"), does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I. Ward Requirement. Wisconsin Statute § 5.15 requires Wisconsin municipalities to be divided into wards for the convenience of electors within those wards and to facilitate the division of the municipalities into election districts of substantially equal population numbers as far as practicable.

SECTION II. Necessity for New Ward. Pursuant to Ordinance 24-06, approved concurrently with this Ordinance 24-07, the City has attached property to the City (the "Territory"). The Territory is currently in County Supervisory District #25. Contiguous City property is in County Supervisory District #23. Wisconsin law requires municipal ward boundaries to be consistent with County Supervisory District boundaries, thereby requiring the creation of a new ward within the City to accommodate the newly added Territory in Barron County Supervisory District Number #25.

SECTION III. Creation of Ward #21. In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 5.15(7), Ward #21 is hereby established within the City of Rice Lake. The boundaries of Ward #21 are hereby determined to be the boundaries legally described and depicted in the attached Exhibit A. The polling place of any electors of Ward #21 shall be at Rice Lake City Hall, located at 30 E. Eau Claire Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868. U.S. Census Bureau Block Number 1004 is partially contained within Ward #21.

SECTION IV. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional, or if the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other provisions or obligations of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application.

SECTION V. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

Justin Fonfara

Mayor

Date Adopted: 03.26.2024 Published: 04.10.2024 Effective Date: 04.10.2024

Attest:

Kathleen V. Morse, MMC/CMTW/WCPC

City Clerk-Treasurer