

THE TOWN OF CLINTON

CITATION ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO: 2012 - 02

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Clinton
Barron County

SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Clinton Citation Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Town Board of the Town of Clinton, or its designees, to issue citations for violations of Town of Clinton ordinances, including ordinances with statutory counterparts.

SECTION II – AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Clinton, Barron County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under s. [66.0113](#), Wis. stats., to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, 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, provides the authority for the town to issue citations for violations of Town of Clinton ordinances, including ordinances with statutory counterparts.

SECTION IV - SUBDIVISION AND NUMBERING OF THIS ORDINANCE

This ordinance is divided into sections designated by uppercase Roman numerals. Sections may be divided into subsections designated by uppercase letters. Subsections may be divided into paragraphs designated by numbers. Paragraphs may be divided into subdivisions designated by lowercase letters. Subdivisions may be divided into subdivision paragraphs designated by lowercase Roman numerals. Reference to a "section," "subsection," "paragraph," or "subdivision" includes all divisions of the referenced section, subsection, paragraph, or subdivision.

SECTION V – COVERAGE

A. Except as provided in subsections D and E, the form for citations to be issued in the Town of Clinton by the town board, or its designees, for violations of Town of Clinton ordinances shall be as provided in this subsection and shall include all of the following:

1. The name and address of the alleged violator.
2. The factual allegations describing the alleged violation.
3. The time and place of the alleged violation.
4. The number of the ordinance violated.
5. A designation of the offense in a manner that can be readily understood by a person making a reasonable effort to do so.

6. The time at which the alleged violator may appear in court.
7. A statement that in essence informs the alleged violator of all of the following:
 - a. That the alleged violator may make a cash deposit of a specified amount to be mailed to a specified official within a specified time.
 - b. That if the alleged violator makes a cash deposit, he or she need not appear in court unless subsequently summoned.
 - c. That if the alleged violator makes a cash deposit and does not appear in court, he or she either will be deemed to have tendered a plea of no contest and submitted to a forfeiture, plus costs, fees, and surcharges imposed under chapter 814, Wis. stats., not to exceed the amount of the deposit, or will be summoned into court to answer the complaint if the court does not accept the plea of no contest.
 - d. That if the alleged violator does not make a cash deposit and does not appear in court at the time specified, the court may issue a summons or a warrant for the defendant's arrest or consider the nonappearance to be a plea of no contest and enter judgment under s. [66.0113 \(3\) \(d\)](#), Wis. stats., or the municipality may commence an action against the alleged violator to collect the forfeiture, plus costs, fees, and surcharges imposed under chapter 814, Wis. stats.
 - e. That if the court finds that the violation involves an ordinance that prohibits conduct that is the same as or similar to conduct prohibited by state statute punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, and that the violation resulted in damage to the property of or physical injury to a person other than the alleged violator, the court may summon the alleged violator into court to determine if restitution shall be ordered under s. [800.093](#), Wis. stats.
8. A direction that if the alleged violator elects to make a cash deposit, the alleged violator shall sign an appropriate statement that accompanies the citation to indicate that he or she read the statement required under s. [66.0113 \(1\) \(b\) 7.](#), Wis. stats., and shall send the signed statement with the cash deposit.
9. Any other information as may be deemed necessary.

B. The town board adopts a Schedule of Cash Deposits that are required for the various Town of Clinton ordinance violations, which includes for each listed violation the costs, fees, and surcharges imposed under chapter 814, Wis. Stats. The schedule is attached and will be updated as needed.

C. The town board names the following court, clerk of court, or other official to whom cash deposits are to be made and requires that receipts shall be given for cash deposits: Barron County Clerk of Court.

D. The town board requires that in traffic regulation violation actions, except for parking regulation violations, the uniform traffic citation specified in s. [345.11](#), Wis. stats., shall be used by the Town of Clinton in lieu of the citation form described in subsection A.

E. The town board requires that in actions for violations of Town of Clinton ordinances enacted in accordance with s. [23.33 \(11\) \(am\)](#) or [30.77](#), Wis. stats., the citation form specified in s. [23.54](#), Wis. stats., shall be used in lieu of the citation form described in subsection A.

SECTION VI – ISSUANCE AND SERVICE OF CITATION

A. Town of Clinton citations may be issued by the Town Board of the Town of Clinton, or the Town Board of the Town of Clinton may designate certain Town of Clinton, Barron County, or other

municipal officials, with their written approval, to issue such citations.

B. Town of Clinton citations, in addition, may specifically be issued by the Barron County Sheriff. This official may also designate a person to issue such Ordinances for the Town of Clinton and this official may revoke this authority to issue anytime.

C. The Town of Clinton Town Board has designated the Town Chair or any person approved by the Town Board to serve any citations for the Town of Clinton upon issuance. Any person specifically authorized by the Town Board to issue citations by the Town Board of the Town of Clinton may also serve such citations.

SECTION VII – RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS

The adoption and authorization for use of a citation under this ordinance does not preclude the Town Board of the Town of Clinton from adopting any other ordinance or providing for the enforcement of any other law or ordinance relating to the same or any other matter. The issuance of a citation under this ordinance does not preclude proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter. Proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter does not preclude the issuance of a citation under this ordinance.

SECTION VIII – 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 or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION IX – 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 12th day of June , 2012.

TOWN OF CLINTON

by a vote of 3 yes, no.

 /s/ Jim Gores

Jim Gores
Town Board Chairperson

Attest: /s/ Melanie Miller

Melanie Miller
Town Clerk