

CITY OF KAUKAUNA

ORDINANCE NO. xxxx-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.44

WHEREAS, the 1000 Island Environmental Center Committee was created to assist the City in its oversight of the 1000 Island Environmental Center and Conservancy Zone and to promote sustainability, conservation, education, and promote the general health of the citizens of Kaukauna; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of the 1000 Island Environmental Center Committee ~~creation~~ the City has added several full and part-time positions within the City's budget to staff the 1000 Island Environmental Center; and

WHEREAS, updating the ordinance will eliminate confusion as to any residency requirements for membership of the 1000 Island Environmental Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, updating the ordinance will clarify the organization and election procedures of the 1000 Island Environmental Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, updating the ordinance will more distinctly define the powers and duties of the 1000 Island Environmental Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance will allow 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee to continue to carry out its mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, Section 1.44 be added to City of Kaukauna Municipal Code and read as follows:

BEFORE AMENDMENT

Sec. 1.44. – 1000 Island Environmental Center Committee

- (1) Mission. The 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee is charged with providing the citizens of Kaukauna the knowledge and skills needed to build a sustainable balance among the environment, economy, and community through education, conservation, and recreation.
- (2) Composition. The 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members. The President of Friends of the 1000 Islands, or designee, an alderperson, a school board representative, and eight (8) citizen members shall constitute the eleven (11) members of the 1000 Islands Environmental Committee.
- (3) Appointments.
 - a. The President of Friends of the 1000 Islands, or designee, shall be an ex-officio member that serves.
 - b. The citizen members shall be appointed by the Mayor of Kaukauna, subject to confirmation by the Kaukauna Common Council for a three-year term. These terms shall be staggered so that no more than three (3) citizen members' terms shall expire each year.

- c. The school board representative and alderperson shall be appointed by their respective governing bodies to a one (1) year term.
 - d. Members shall be persons of recognized experience and qualifications.
 - e. Residency within Kaukauna's municipal borders shall not be a factor for membership.
- (4) Organization. The members of the committee shall annually organize by the election of a Chair and a Vice-Chair, who shall serve a one (1) year term. All members shall serve without compensation.
- (5) Powers and Duties.
- a. The Committee shall determine the policies, programs, and regulations governing the 1000 Islands Environmental Center, and the surrounding 1000 Islands Conservancy Zone.
 - b. The Committee shall recommend a budget to the Kaukauna Common Council.
 - c. The Committee may make recommendations on policy, regulations, ordinances, and other measures concerning sustainability, conservation, or other environmental issues that may affect the 1000 Islands Environmental Center, the 1000 Islands Conservancy Zone, or the City of Kaukauna as a whole.

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Members do not need to be City of Kaukauna residents.
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