

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2082 AMENDING  
CHAPTER 32 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES  
ARTICLE I, SEC 32-2**

**WHEREAS**, the Mauston Common Council finds it in the best interest of the City to reduce the abatement period for non-hazardous violations from seventy-two (72) hours to forty-eight (48) hours in order to promote more timely compliance with municipal code requirements; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, on a motion duly made and seconded, the Mauston Common Council hereby amends Chapter 32, Article I, Section 32-2 of the Code of Ordinances as follows:

**Sec. 32-2. Enforcement and penalties.**

(1) Non-hazardous conditions.

The city may cause the issuance of a written notice to the responsible person directing him to correct and abate the violation on or before a specified date, but not sooner than ~~72 hours~~ **48 hours** following service of said notice.

The written notice may be served by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of the responsible person at the last-known address of the responsible person. If the responsible person to whom notice has been given fails to remove or abate the violation within the time established, the city may remove or abate said violation at the expense of the responsible person.

(2) Hazardous conditions.

If the city determines that the violation creates a substantial and immediate danger to public safety, the city shall attempt to contact the responsible person in any way or form which the city deems most expedient, and give such responsible person notice of the problem and the opportunity to immediately correct the problem. If such responsible person cannot be promptly notified by the city, or if the responsible person cannot or will not immediately abate the violation, the city may immediately take steps to abate the violation without providing any further notice to the responsible person.

(3) Charges.

An account of the expenses incurred by the city to remove or abate the violation shall be kept and such expenses shall be charged to and paid by the responsible person. Notice of the expenses shall be mailed to the last-known address of the responsible person and shall be payable within ten calendar days from the mailing thereof, and if not paid, the city administrator shall enter those charges onto the tax roll as a special tax pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0907(4) against the real estate of any or all responsible person, or the city may collect such charges through any other lawful procedure.

(4) Authorized personnel.

The director of public works, the police, the city administrator and/or the mayor are authorized to make the determinations permitted by this section. The administrator and director of public works are authorized to issue the notices permitted by this section.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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Darryl D.D. Teske, Mayor

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Daron Haugh, Administrator

- Date of Plan Commission Recommendation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
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