

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to create Section 2-1-5, entitled "Central Count " in the Municipal Code to provide requirements and standards for Central Count of Absentee Ballots for Elections.

The Council of the City of Two Rivers ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 2-1-5 of the Municipal Code shall hereby be created as follows:

- 1) Adoption of Wisconsin State Statute § 7.52. Wisconsin State Statute §7.52 abbreviated Wis. Stats. Is hereby adopted, in its entirety by reference, as amended or renumbered from time to time.
- 2) Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers/Procedures
 - (a) Central canvassing of absentee ballots. Pursuant to §7.52 and §7.53(2m) of the Wis. Stats., the City Council of the City of Two Rivers hereby creates a Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers and authorizes the centralized counting of absentee ballots on election days, in accordance with all procedures prescribed by §7.52
 - (b) The Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers shall be composed of the Municipal Clerk or their designee, and two other qualified electors of the municipality appointed by the clerk for a two-year term commencing on January 1 of each even-number year. The clerk may appoint additional inspectors under §7.52(1)(b), Wis. Stats., to assist the Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers.
 - (c) The City of Two Rivers declares that, in lieu of canvassing absentee ballots at polling locations, the Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers shall canvass all absentee ballots for all elections held in the City of Two Rivers, at Two Rivers City Hall.
 - (d) At every election held in the municipality following adoption of this ordinance, the Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers shall, any time after opening the polls and before 10:00 p.m. on election day, publicly convene to count the absentee ballots for the City pursuant to Wis. Stats. §7.52
- 3) The Municipal Clerk shall give at least a 48-hour notice of any meeting of the Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers
- 4) The Municipal Clerk, no later than the closing of the polls, shall post at the office and on the City's website, and shall make available to any person upon request, a statement of the number of absentee ballots that the clerk has issued to electors and those ballots that have been returned by the closing hour on election day. This posting shall not include the names or address of any electors.

- 5) The Municipal Board of Absentee Ballot Canvassers shall follow all regulations and procedures pursuant to Wis. Stats. §7.52.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its date of passage and publication of same.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2023

Adam Wachowski
President, City Council

Gregory E. Buckley
City Manager

Attest:

Amanda Baryenbruch
City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

John M. Bruce
City Attorney