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Jefferson County -All Town & Municipal Clerks

VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Judicial Privacy Act- Confidentiality Agreements

## Dear Clerk:

As you should be aware, the Judicial Privacy Act (2023 Wisconsin Act 235) which goes into effect on April 1, 2025, prohibits the sharing of certain personal information pertaining to judicial officials or their families, including addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, license plate numbers/unique identifiers of vehicles, the identity of minor children, date of birth, marital status, etc. As currently drafted, Act 235 prohibits the County from sharing this protected information with other governmental entities without either consent of the protected individual or a confidentiality agreement.

Protected personal information could be present in a multitude of records that the County currently shares with townships and municipalities, including GIS data, tax information, and land records. We believe that our data sharing relationship is beneficial to County residents and contributes significantly to the efficient and effective operation of government within Jefferson County.

In order to continue sharing unredacted data, we are asking that all townships and municipalities sign a confidentiality agreement which outlines the responsibilities and obligations of both parties in handling, storing, and using any protected information. By signing this agreement, your entity will be affirming its commitment to uphold these responsibilities and to use the shared data in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the Judicial Privacy Act.

If your entity wishes to continue to receive unredacted data from Jefferson County, please sign and return the enclosed Confidentiality Agreement to my office as soon as possible. Upon receipt, Jefferson County will countersign the Agreement and forward you a fully executed copy for your records. Please note after April 1, 2025, Jefferson County will be unable to share any information protected by the Judicial Privacy Act with your township or municipality until a signed Confidentiality Agreement is received.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or the enclosed agreement, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Enc: Confidentiality Agreement