Town of Colfax Ordinance # 002

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- 1.1 AUTHORITY. These regulations are adopted under the authority granted by s. 101.65, Wisconsin Statutes.
- 1.2 PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the general health, safety and welfare and to maintain required local uniformity with the administrative and technical requirements of the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code.
- 1.3 SCOPE. The scope of this ordinance includes the construction and inspection of one- and two-family dwellings built since June 1, 1980.
 - (a) Not withstanding s. Comm. 20.05, the scope also includes the construction and inspection of alterations and additions to one- and two-family dwellings built before June 1, 1980. Because such projects are not under state jurisdiction, petitions for variance and final appeals under ss. Comm. 20.19 and 20.21, respectively, shall be decided by the town board. Petitions for variance shall be decided per s. Comm. 20.19(Intro) so that equivalency is maintained to the intent of the rule being petitioned. As the town board approves petitions for variance, the chief inspector is granted the power to apply the results to similar circumstances by precedent.
- 1.4 WISCONSIN UNIFORM DWELLING CODE ADOPTED. The Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code, Chs. Comm. 20-25 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and all amendments thereto, is adopted and incorporated by reference and shall apply to all buildings within the scope of this ordinance.
- 1.5 BUILDING INSPECTOR. There is hereby created the position of Building Inspector, who shall administer and enforce this ordinance and shall be certified by the Division of Safety & Buildings, as specified by Wisconsin Statutes, Section 101.66(2), in the category of Uniform Dwelling Code Construction Inspector. Additionally, this or other assistant inspectors shall possess the certification categories of UDC HVAC, UDC Electrical, and UDC Plumbing.

- 1.6 BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED. If a person alters a building in excess of \$20,000.00 value in any twelve month period or adds onto a building in excess of \$20,000 value in any twelve month period within the scope of ordinance, they shall first obtain a building permit for such work from the building inspector. Any structural changes or major changes to mechanical systems that involve extensions shall require permits if over the forgoing thresholds. Restoration or repair of an installation to its previous codecompliant condition as determined by the building inspector is exempted from permit requirements. Residing, re-roofing, finishing of interior surfaces and installation of cabinetry shall be exempted from permit requirements.
- 1.7 BUILDING PERMIT FEE. The building permit fees shall be determined by service contract with a State of Wisconsin certified and registered UDC Inspection Agency as defined by Comm. 5.635.
- 1.8 PENALTIES. The enforcement of this section and all other laws and ordinances relating to building shall be by means of withholding of building permits, imposition of forfeitures and injunctive action. Forfeitures shall be not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for each day of noncompliance.
- 1.9 EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective 30 days from signing, upon passage and publication provided by law.

Adopted this 9th day of March, 2005.

Gary Klukas – Chairperson

Dean Logslett – Supervisor

Gary Bjørk – Supervisor

Michell Albricht Town Clerk