

Ordinance No. 04-14

Ordinance Adopting the Polk County Agriculture and Farmland Preservation 2014-2023 Plan

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1 WHEREAS, a county must have a certified farmland preservation plan under Chapter 91, Wis.  
2 Stats.; and

3 WHEREAS, farmers and agricultural property owners in a county with a certified farmland  
4 preservation plan may qualify for tax credits; and

5 WHEREAS, Polk County's 1979 Farmland Preservation Plan which was certified by the  
6 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is set to expire; and

7 WHEREAS, Polk County's proposed Agriculture and Farmland Preservation 2014-2024 Plan  
8 has had considerable public input from farmers, producers and local officials over the past 18  
9 months; and

10 WHEREAS, the proposed plan identifies the county's goals and policies related to farmland  
11 preservation and agricultural development and identifies farmland preservation areas and areas  
12 identified for development within the next 15 years; and

13 WHEREAS, agriculture in Polk County annually accounts for \$103 million in agricultural sales,  
14 3,693 jobs, \$725 million in related business sales, adds \$177 million to county income and pays  
15 \$19 million in local and state taxes; and

16 WHEREAS, the proposed plan identified Farmland Preservation Areas consisting of  
17 approximately 440,500 acres of agricultural, open or wooded lands that have the most productive  
18 soils as identified by Polk County's Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) system and  
19 locally adopted comprehensive plans; and

20 WHEREAS, the proposed plan identifies areas as either the least productive soils under the  
21 County LESA system and/or lands planned for nonagricultural development within the next 15  
22 years in locally adopted comprehensive plans; and

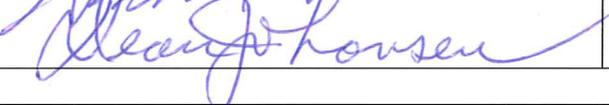
23 WHEREAS, Polk County's population and housing projections through 2035 estimate 23,600  
24 acres needed to accommodate additional residential, commercial and industrial development in  
25 the county; and

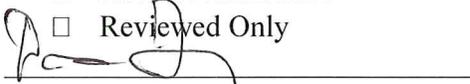
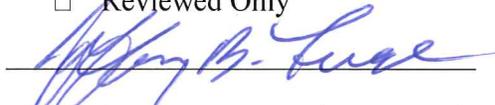
26 WHEREAS, State certification of Polk County's updated Agriculture and Farmland Preservation  
27 2014-2023 Plan will allow farmers and agricultural property owners in the County to continue to  
28 qualify for farmland preservation tax credits.

29 NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to s. 91.10(1), Wis. Stats., the Polk County Board of Supervisors  
 30 ordains that the Polk County Agriculture and Farmland Preservation 2014-2023 Plan, as attached  
 31 hereto and incorporated herein, is adopted.

32 FURTHERMORE, the Polk County Board of Supervisors ordains that that the Polk County Land  
 33 and Water Resources Department, under the direction of the Land Conservation Committee is  
 34 authorized to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection  
 35 (DATCP) for certification of the Polk County Agriculture and Farmland Preservation 2014-2023  
 36 Plan.

Funding Amount and Source: Not Applicable  
 Date Finance Committee Advised: Not Applicable  
 Finance Committee Recommendation: Not Applicable  
 Effective Date: Upon Passage and Publication

Submitted and Sponsored By the Polk County Land Conservation Committee:	
	
	
	

Review by County Administrator:	Review By Corporation Counsel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Dana Frey, County Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

County Board Action	
At its regular business meeting on <del>December 18</del> <sup>March 18</sup> 2014 the Polk County Board of Supervisors enacted the above-entitled ordinance: Ordinance No. <del>04-19</del> Ordinance Adopting The Polk County Agriculture and Farmland Preservation 2014-2023 Plan, by a <del>simple majority</del> <sup>unanimous voice vote.</sup> vote of ___ in favor and ___ against.	
 William Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson	Dated: <u>03.20.2014</u>
Attest:  Carole Wondra, Polk County	Dated: <u>3-20-14</u>

CERTIFIED COPY OF THE POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE

I, Carole T. Wondra, Polk County Clerk due hereby certify that the attached and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of Polk County Ordinance:  
No. 04-14, Ordinance Adopting the Polk County Agriculture and Farmland Preservation  
2014-2023 Plan.

Carole T. Wondra 3-20-14  
Carole T. Wondra Date  
Polk County Clerk