

1 **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION #02-15**

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3 Oconto County Planning and Zoning Committee

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5 Drafting of a DATCP Certified Farmland Preservation Zoning District.

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7 WHEREAS, the updated Oconto County 20-Year Comprehensive Plan including the DATCP
8 certified Farmland Preservation Plan requirements was adopted by the Oconto County Board
9 on March 19, 2015; and

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11 WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. Ch. 91 establishes ways for landowners within the adopted farmland
12 preservation area to be eligible to sign Farmland Preservation Agreements and be eligible for
13 tax credits; and

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15 WHEREAS, the two options currently available for landowner eligibility are the creation of a
16 certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance and / or the successful application with
17 DATCP creating an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA); and

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19 WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 91.30 grants the county authority to adopt and administer a DATCP
20 certified Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance and Wis. Stat. § 91.84 grants DATCP the
21 authority to designate an AEA through an application process; and

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23 WHEREAS, any landowners with lands within the adopted farmland preservation area would be
24 eligible to pursue a 15 year Farmland Preservation Agreement and potentially be eligible for a
25 \$7.50/acre tax credit if the lands were zoned for farmland preservation and potentially be
26 eligible for a \$5.00/acre tax credit if within an AEA; and

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28 WHEREAS, if the county adopts a DATCP certified zoning ordinance the county would be
29 required to rezone a minimum of eighty percent of the lands within the adopted farmland
30 preservation area per township to this zoning district;

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32 WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Committee have thoroughly reviewed the results of prior
33 planning recommendations and survey results supporting agriculture; considered the impacts
34 that a farmland preservation zoning ordinance would have on non-agricultural development;
35 and considered Planning and Zoning Department budgetary, staffing, and workload impacts
36 and do not feel that pursuing a certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance is in the best
37 interest of Oconto County at this time;

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39 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oconto County Planning and Zoning Committee hereby
40 recommend that the Oconto County Planning and Zoning Department not pursue the
41 development of a DATCP certified farmland preservation zoning ordinance at this time and
42 recommend that county departments assist interested landowners in pursuing AEA
43 applications.

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45 Dated this 26th day of May, 2015.

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47 Resolution Introduced and adoption moved by Christianson

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49 Motion for adoption seconded by BrazEAU

50 Voting Aye: 5 Nay: Absent:

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52 Approved:

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54 Ron Korzenieski

55 Planning and Zoning Committee Chair

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58 Kenneth Linzmeyer

59 Planning and Zoning Committee Secretary

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61 Reviewed by Corporation Counsel:

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06.01.2015
Date Approved

Corp. Counsel