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ORDINANCE: Amend 11.08(6)(d)(2) of the Winnebago County General Code involving General Orders made by the Winnebago County Health Officer

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, in the majority opinion of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Decision "Becker Vs. Dane County," ruled in 2022, concluded that Public Health Officers are subject to local controls and county regulations; and

WHEREAS, during Governor Evers Safer at Home order, Wisconsin saw an unemployment spike going from 2.9% in March of 2020 to 14.10% by April of 2020, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics; and

WHEREAS, this rise in unemployment was one of the deciding factors of Winnebago County to accept the Neighborhood Grant to fund for additional housing, as homelessness increased in Winnebago County since 2020; and

WHEREAS, Winnebago County was amongst the rest of the country feeling the effects of high inflation due in part to the amount of people leaving the workforce and not enough people replacing them, according to a study by Forward Analytics from the Wisconsin Counties Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors does ordain that the following amendments (cited in red ink) are made to 11.08(6)(d)(2) of the Winnebago County General Code:

2. Any General Order must be based upon the duties, responsibilities, and powers as identified in Chapter 252, Wis. Stats., §251.06(3), Wis. Stats., and §66.0113 and 66.0119, Wis. Stats. Any General Order is advisory only until reviewed and reaffirmed or revised and affirmed ~~by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors~~ **by at least two thirds of the entire county board membership** ~~at its next regularly scheduled meeting date or within 14 days, whichever is earlier.~~ All general orders will specify a duration for the order and an expiration date, but will have a maximum duration of ~~60 days~~ **7days** unless otherwise authorized by the County Board.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted by:
SUPERVISOR BRIAN DEFFERDING, District 6
SUPERVISOR CONLEY HANSON, District 26
SUPERVISOR JACOB FLOAM, District 16

Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Members Present**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive