Enrolled No. O168-040 **ORDINANCE** **File No. 24-25/069**

TO AMEND SECTION 2.04.095 OF THE CODE; PUBLIC COMMENT: TO AMEND SECTION 2.04.140 I OF THE CODE: RULES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Eau Claire does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 2.04.095 of the code be amended to read:

2.04.095 Rule 10--Public comment. All county board agendas shall include a public comment item on each agenda at the outset of the meeting. The purpose of public comment is to provide non county board members with an opportunity to present information to the county board. It is not intended to provide for interactive debate or for the cross examination of nonmembers. Any person who is not a member of the board shall be given, subject to the chair's discretion, up to 3 minutes to speak to the board during the public comment time period. The public comment time period will be limited to no more than 30 minutes per meeting. Any person wishing to speak ~~may~~ shall sign in prior to the meeting to obtain a priority order to addressing the board. Each person wishing to speak shall include their name, address and county of residence when signing in, and also state their name, address and county of residence when speaking. After all speakers who signed up have spoken, anyone else interested in speaking will be given the opportunity if any time remains within the 30-minute public comment period. All speakers must follow the guidelines established by the county code and the chair. The 30-minute public comment time period may be extended at the discretion of the chair.

SECTION 2. That Subsection I. of Section 2.04.140 be amended to read:

I. All committees shall include a public comment item on each agenda at the outset of the meeting. The purpose of public comment is to provide non county board members with an opportunity to present information to the committee. It is not intended to provide for interactive debate or for the cross examination of nonmembers. Any person who is not a member of the county board shall be given, subject to the chair's discretion, up to 3 minutes to speak to the committee during the public comment time period. The public comment time period will be limited to no more than 15 minutes per meeting. Any person wishing to speak shall sign in prior to the meeting to obtain a priority order to addressing the committee. Each person wishing to speak shall include their name, address and county of residence when signing in, and also state their name, address and county of residence when speaking. After all speakers who signed up have spoken, anyone else interested in speaking will be given the opportunity if any time remains within the 15-minute public comment period. All speakers must follow the guidelines established by the county code and the chair. The 15-minute public comment time period may be extended at the discretion of the chair. The land conservation commission shall be considered a standing committee within the meaning of this subsection.

ENACTED: December 17, 2024

Sue McDonald
County Clerk