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### **SEC. 4-1-1        REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS.**

Any person aggrieved by an administrative determination of the Village Board or a Board, Commission, Committee, agency, officer or employee of the Village of Gays Mills or agent acting on its behalf may have such determination reviewed as provided in this Chapter. The remedies under this Chapter shall not be exclusive.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.01, *Wis. Stats.*

### **SEC. 4-1-2        DETERMINATIONS REVIEWABLE.**

The following determinations are reviewable under this Chapter:

- (a) **Grant/Denial of License, Etc.** The grant or denial in whole or in part after application of an initial permit, license, right, privilege or authority, except an alcohol beverage license.
- (b) **Suspension/Revocation/Nonrenewal of License, Etc.** The suspension, revocation or nonrenewal of an existing permit, license, right, privilege or authority, except as provided in Section 4-1-3(d).

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- (c) **Denial of Money/Thing of Substantial Value.** The denial of a grant of money or other thing of substantial value under a statute or ordinance prescribing conditions of eligibility for such grant.
- (d) **Penalty/Sanction.** The imposition of a penalty or sanction upon any person except a municipal employee or officer, other than by a court.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.02, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-3 DETERMINATIONS NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW.

The following determinations are not reviewable under this Chapter:

- (a) **Legislative Enactment.** A legislative enactment, meaning an ordinance, resolution or adopted motion of the Village Board.
- (b) **Administrative/Judicial Review.** Any action subject to administrative or judicial review procedures under State statutes.
- (c) **Denial of Certain Claims.** The denial of a tort or contract claim for money required to be filed with the Village pursuant to statutory procedures for the filing of such claims.
- (d) **Contract of Municipal Employee/Officer.** The suspension, removal, or disciplining or nonrenewal of a contract of a municipal employee or officer.
- (e) **Alcohol License.** The grant, denial, suspension or revocation of an alcohol beverage license under Section 125.12(1), *Wis. Stats.*
- (f) **Court Orders.** Judgments and orders of a court.
- (g) **Labor Negotiations Determinations.** Determinations made during municipal labor negotiations.
- (h) **Other Review Procedures.** Any action which is subject to administrative review procedures under an Ordinance providing such procedures as defined in Section 68.16, *Wis. Stats.*
- (i) **Non-Due Process Rights.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, any action or determination of a municipal authority which does not involve the constitutionally protected right of a specific person or persons to due process in connection with the action or determination.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.03, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-4 MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY DEFINED.

“Municipal Authority” includes the Village Board, Commission, Committee, agency, officer, employee or agent of the Village making a determination under Section 4-1-1, and every person, Committee or agency of the Village appointed to make an independent review under Section 4-1-8(b).

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.05, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-5 PERSONS AGGRIEVED.

A person aggrieved includes any individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, association, public or private organization, officer, department, Board, Commission or agency of the Village, whose rights, duties or privileges are adversely affected by a determination of the Municipal Authority. No department, Board, Commission, agency, officer or employee of the Village who is aggrieved may initiate review under

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this Chapter of a determination of any other department, Board, Commission, agency, officer or employee of the Village, but may respond or intervene in a review proceeding under this Chapter initiated by another.

State Law Reference: Secs. 68.01 and 68.06, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-6 REDUCING DETERMINATION TO WRITING.

If a determination subject to this Chapter is made orally or, if in writing, does not state the reasons therefore, the Municipal Authority making such determination shall, upon written request of any person aggrieved by such determination made within ten (10) days of notice of such determination, reduce the determination and the reasons therefore to writing and mail or deliver such determination and reasons to the person making the request. The determination shall be dated, and shall advise such person of his/her right to have such determination reviewed, the time within which such review may be obtained, and the officer or person to whom a request for review shall be addressed.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.07, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-7 REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF DETERMINATION.

Any person allegedly aggrieved may have a written or oral determination reviewed by written request mailed or delivered to the Municipal Authority which made such determination within thirty (30) days of notice to such person of such determination. The request for review shall state the ground or grounds upon which the person allegedly aggrieved contends that the determination should be modified or reversed. A request for review shall be made to the officer, employee, agent, agency, Committee, Board, Commission or body who made the determination, but failure to make such request to the proper party shall not preclude the person aggrieved from review unless such failure has caused prejudice to the Municipal Authority.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.08, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-8 REVIEW OF DETERMINATION.

- (a) **Initial Determination.** If a request for review is made under Section 4-1-7, the determination to be reviewed shall be termed an initial determination.
- (b) **Who Shall Make Review.** A review under this Section may be made by the officer, employee, agent, agency, Committee, Board, Commission or body who made the initial determination. However, an independent review of such determination by another person, Committee or agency of the Village, appointed by the Village President without confirmation, may be provided.
- (c) **When to Make Review.** The Municipal Authority shall review the initial determination within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a request for review. The time for review may be extended by agreement with the person allegedly aggrieved.
- (d) **Right to Present Evidence and Argument.** The person aggrieved may file with his/her request for review, or within the time agreed with the Municipal Authority, written evidence and argument in support of his/her position with respect to the initial determination.
- (e) **Decisions on Review.** The Municipal Authority may affirm, reverse or modify the initial determination and shall mail or deliver to the person aggrieved a copy of the Municipal Authority's decision on review which shall state the reasons for such decision. The decision shall advise the person aggrieved of his/her right to appeal the decision, the time within which appeal shall be taken, and the officer or person with

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whom notice of appeal shall be filed.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.09, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-9 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL.

- (a) **From Initial Determination or Decision on Review.**
  - (1) If the person aggrieved had a hearing substantially in compliance with Section 4-1-10 when the initial determination was made, he/she may elect to follow the procedures provided in Sections 4-1-7 and 4-1-8, but is not entitled to a further hearing under Section 4-1-10 unless granted by the Municipal Authority. He/she may, however, seek judicial review under Section 4-1-12.
  - (2) If the person aggrieved did not have a hearing substantially in compliance with Section 4-1-10 when the initial determination was made, he/she may appeal under this Section from the decision made under Section 4-1-8 and shall follow Sections 4-1-7 and 4-1-8.
- (b) **Time With Which Appeal May Be Taken.** Appeal from a decision on review under Section 4-1-8 may be taken within thirty (30) days of notice of such decision.
- (c) **How Appeal May Be Taken.** An appeal under this Section may be taken by filing with or mailing to the office or person designated in the Municipal Authority's decision on review, written notice of appeal.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.10, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-10 HEARING ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL.

- (a) **Time of Hearing.** The Village shall provide the appellant a hearing on an appeal under Section 4-1-9 within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice of appeal filed or mailed under Section 4-1-9 and shall serve the appellant with notice of such hearing by mail or personal service at least ten (10) days before such hearing.
- (b) **Conduct of Hearing.** At the hearing the appellant and the Municipal Authority may be represented by counsel and may present evidence and call and examine witnesses and cross-examine witnesses of the other party. Such witnesses shall be sworn by the person conducting the hearing. The Village President shall appoint, without confirmation, an impartial decision maker who may be an officer, Committee, Board or Commission of the Village or the Village Board who did not participate in making or reviewing the initial determination, who shall make the decision on administrative appeal. The decision maker may issue subpoenas. The hearing may, however, be conducted by an impartial person, Committee, Board or Commission designated by the Village President to conduct the hearing and report to the decision maker.
- (c) **Record of Hearing.** The person conducting the hearing or a person employed for that purpose shall take notes of the testimony and shall mark and preserve all exhibits. The person conducting the hearing may, and upon request of the appellant, shall, cause the proceedings to be taken by a stenographer or by a recording device, the expense thereof to be paid by the Village.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.11, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-11 FINAL DETERMINATION.

- (a) **Determination.** Within twenty (20) days of completion of the hearing conducted under Section 4-1-10

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and the filing of briefs, if any, the decision maker shall mail or deliver to the appellant its written determination stating the reasons therefor. Such determination shall be a final determination.

- (b) **Effect.** A determination following a hearing substantially meeting the requirements of Section 4-1-10 or a decision on review under Section 4-1-8 following such hearing shall be a final determination, judicial review of which may be obtained under Section 4-1-12.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.12, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-12 JUDICIAL REVIEW.

- (a) **Writ of Certiorari.** Any party to a proceeding resulting in a final determination may seek review thereof by writ of certiorari within thirty (30) days of receipt of the final determination.
- (b) **Transcript.** If review is sought of a final determination, the record of the proceedings shall be transcribed at the expense of the person seeking review. A transcript shall be supplied to anyone requesting the same at his/her expense. If the person seeking review establishes impecuniousness to the satisfaction of the reviewing court, the court may order the proceedings transcribed at the expense of the Village and the person seeking review shall be furnished a free copy of the transcript. By stipulation, the court may order a synopsis of the proceedings in lieu of a transcript. The court may otherwise limit the requirement for a transcript.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.13, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-13 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW.

- (a) **Seeking Relief.** Seeking review pursuant to Section 4-1-9 or Section 4-1-12 does not preclude a person aggrieved from seeking relief from the Village Board or any of its Boards, Commissions, Committees or agencies which may have jurisdiction.
- (b) **Modification.** If in the course of legislative review under this Section a determination is modified, such modification and any evidence adduced before the Village Board, Board, Commissions, Committee or agency shall be made part of the record on review under Section 4-1-12.
- (c) **Hearing.** The Village Board, Board, Commission, Committee or agency conducting a legislative review under this Section need not conduct the type of hearing required under Section 4-1-10.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.14, *Wis. Stats.*

### SEC. 4-1-14 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

This Chapter does not preclude any municipality and person aggrieved from employing arbitration, mediation, or other methods of resolving disputes, and does not supersede contractual provisions for that purpose.

State Law Reference: Sec. 68.15, *Wis. Stats.*