

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY    ORDINANCE NO. 11 (2023/24)**

**Re:    Amending Chapter 1 – County Organization and County Board  
of Supervisors**

**WHEREAS**, 2021 Wisconsin Act 267 created Wis. Stat. §19.59 (1b) to provide direction to local public officials under the Ethics Code on what to do in the event the official receives an item that he or she is not allowed to accept or retain under state law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee of the Sheboygan County Board believes it best serves the County and its public officials to incorporate the state law into the Sheboygan County Ethics Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Sheboygan does ordain as follows:

Section 1.    **Creating Code**. Section 1.13 (4)(e) 4 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances is hereby created as follows:

- 1.13 (4)(e) 4.    **Options For Items of Substantial Value**. If an elected official receives an item that the official is not permitted to accept or retain, the official shall do one of the following:
- a. Give the item to the County Administrator’s office for the purpose of identifying a County use or for sale to the public.
  - b. Give the item to another local agency or to a public institution, such as a local school, library, or museum.
  - c. Give the item to a charitable organization as defined in Wis. Stat. §11.0101 (4), not including a charitable organization with which the official or his or her immediate family is associated.
  - d. Return the item to the donor.
  - e. If the donor is neither a lobbyist, as defined in Wis. Stat. §13.62 (11), nor a principal, as defined in Wis. Stat. §13.62 (12), purchase the item at its full retail value and keep the item.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** The herein Ordinance shall take effect upon enactment.

Respectfully submitted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Opposed to Introduction:

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Enacted 01/16/2024

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