

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 14 (2013/14)**

Re: **Abolishing Coroner Position and Replacing with Medical Examiner Position**

**WHEREAS**, under the Wisconsin Constitution, the office of County Coroner had been a constitutional office that counties were requested to establish as part of County government, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Constitution, Sheboygan County, since the County's inception, has elected County coroners including the incumbent Coroner, David Leffin, who has held that position since 1987, and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Constitution at Article VI, Section 4(2), now provides that counties may opt to replace the elected coroner position with an appointed medical examiner system, and

**WHEREAS**, Coroner Leffin has announced that he does not intend to seek re-election when his term expires on January 5, 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of Sheboygan County to institute a medical examiner system at the conclusion of Coroner Leffin's current term;

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

Section 1. **Creating Chapter 41, Medical Examiner**. Chapter 41 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances is hereby created to read as follows:

Chapter 41  
MEDICAL EXAMINER

41.01 CORONER POSITION ABOLISHED. Effective January 5, 2015, the office of County Coroner is abolished. Any Deputy Coroner heretofore appointed by the Coroner shall no longer serve in that capacity.

41.02 MEDICAL EXAMINER. There is created a position of Sheboygan County Medical Examiner to be appointed by the County Administrator pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.18. The medical examiner shall have the duties and powers outlined under Wis. Stat. §§ 59.34 through 59.39 and such other applicable statutory provisions under such qualifications and at such rates of compensation for the performance of his or her duties as may be affixed by the County Board or its Human Resources Committee.

Section 2. **Amending Section 2.12(6)(a)**. Section 2.12(6)(a) of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances is amended to delete the word "Coroner" and replace it with the words "Medical Examiner."

Section 3. **Amending Section 47.02(2)**. Section 47.068 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances is amended to delete the word "Coroner" and the salary references thereto.

Section 4. **Amending Chapter 96.** Chapter 96 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances is amended to replace all references to "Coroner" with "Medical Examiner."

Section 5. **Effective Date.** The herein Ordinance shall take effect upon enactment.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of February, 2014.

**LAW COMMITTEE**

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Opposed to Introduction:

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