

**NOTICE TO VILLAGE OF MUKWONAGO CITIZENS OF
CHARTER ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

The Village Board of the Village of Mukwonago adopted the following charter ordinance which will become effective 60 days after publication. A copy of the ordinance will be maintained and available for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk, 440 River Crest Ct., Mukwonago, WI, 53149.

**ORDINANCE NO. 938
CHARTER ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE-YEAR TERMS
FOR THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF MUKWONAGO**

WHEREAS, an elected Village official has to learn a vast variety of information and understand the impacts of policy of the Village; and

WHEREAS, a three year cycle of office is better suited to engaging in the process, learning the policy issues, and effectively representing the community; and

WHEREAS, many communities in Southeast Wisconsin have terms of office longer than two years for that very reason; and

WHEREAS, the decision on the length of terms of local office holders is a home rule issue of ultimate importance to the governance of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Board of the Village of Mukwonago, Waukesha and Walworth Counties, Wisconsin, that:

SECTION I. The Village of Mukwonago, Wisconsin, pursuant to Sections 66.0101 and 61.195, Wisconsin Statutes, hereby elects not to be governed by any portions of Sections 61.19, 61.20, 61.23, 8.05 and 8.30, Wisconsin Statutes, relating to the terms of office and qualifications for office for Village Trustee and Village President, to the extent, if any, that such sections may be in conflict with this Charter Ordinance. This Charter Ordinance amends Sections 61.19, 61.20, 61.23, 8.05 and 8.30, Wisconsin Statutes, and any applicable sections of the Village Charter, to the extent, if any, that such sections may be in conflict with this Charter Ordinance.

SECTION II. Section 2-77 (a) and (b) of the Municipal Code is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

Sec. 2-77. Elected Officials.

(a) Village Board. The Village Board shall consist of a Village President and six Trustees.

The term of office of the President and Trustees, hereafter elected, shall be three years and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, except as follows:

(1) At the 2018 annual election the Trustee receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of three years and the other two Trustees shall be elected for a term of two years.

(2) At the 2019 annual election the Trustee receiving the lowest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two years, and the other two Trustees shall be elected for a term of three years.

SECTION III. Section 2-77 (c) of the Municipal Code is hereby renumbered to Section 2-77 (b).

SECTION IV. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Village Board of the Village of Mukwonago would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid; and if any provisions of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION V. Effective Date. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after its passage and publication, unless within such sixty (60) days a referendum petition shall be filed as provided by Section 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in which event this ordinance shall not take effect until submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of electors voting thereon as provided by Section 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Passed and adopted this 17th day of October, 2017.

Steven A. Braatz, Jr
Village Clerk

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