

THE VILLAGE OF



RIDGEWAY

PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY, AND HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

March 04, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Ridgeway Community Center - Room 101/102 208 Jarvis Street, Ridgeway, WI 53582

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CONFIRMATION OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

1. Property located at 215 Main Street
2. Ord 2026-02 DRAFT Charter Ordinance Discontinuing Office of Marshal
3. Ordinance Amendments relating to the Marshal's Office or Police Department

ADJOURNMENT

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/s/ Lori Phelan, Clerk/Treasurer

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWAY, IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN
DISCONTINUING OFFICE OF MARSHAL

RECITALS

- A. The Village of Ridgeway is a Wisconsin municipal corporation organized under Chapter 61 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- B. Under Section 61.195 of the Wisconsin Statutes, any village may enact a charter ordinance pursuant to Section 66.0101 to discontinue the office of marshal.
- C. The Village Board of the Village of Ridgeway has determined it is in the public interest to amend the Charter Ordinance and discontinue the office of marshal.

CHARTER ORDINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to its authority under the Wisconsin Statutes, including Sections 61.195, 61.34, and 66.0101, the Village Board of the Village of Ridgeway, Iowa County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

- 1. Section 1.01 of the Village of Ridgeway Charter Ordinance Code is created to read as follows:
 - 1.01. The offices of marshal and constable are discontinued. Law enforcement services in the Village will be provided as directed by the Village Board.
- 2. Section 3.01 of the Village of Ridgeway Municipal Code of Ordinances is repealed.
- 3. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to provide notice and copies of this Charter Ordinance pursuant to Section 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- 4. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after passage and publication, unless a referendum is required by Section 66.0101(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, in which case it shall take effect upon approval by a majority of the electors voting

in the referendum. If a referendum is required and this Charter Ordinance is not approved by a majority of the electors voting in the referendum, this Charter Ordinance shall be null and void.

The foregoing Charter Ordinance was duly adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Ridgeway at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Bradley Butler, Village President

ATTEST:

Lori Phelan, Village Clerk

Clerk's Certification

This Charter Ordinance was approved / not approved by a two-thirds vote of the members elect of the Village Board of the Village of Ridgeway at a meeting held on _____, 2026. The vote was ___ yes, and ___ no.

By:

Lori Phelan, Village Clerk

**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWAY CODE SECTIONS MENTIONING VILLAGE MARSHAL
OR VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Code Sections Mentioning Village Marshal:

- **Section 1.03 – Appointed officials.**
 - The table in Subsection (1) mentions the appointment and method of selection of the Village Marshal.
- **Section 3.01 – Village marshal ordinance.**
 - **Note:** Our office will likely draft the charter ordinance as repealing this section.
- **Section 3.02 – Jurisdiction, power, and duties of the marshal office.**
- **Section 3.03 – General powers of police officers.**
 - Mentions the Village Marshal.
- **Section 3.06 – Civilians to assist**
 - Mentions the Village Marshal.
- **Section 10.13 – Rollerskating, coasting and bicycling.**
 - Mentions the Village Marshal.
- **Section 4.05 – Parking Limitations.**
 - Subsection (2)a. mentions the Village Marshal.
- **Section 12.02 – Citation.**
 - Subsection (3)(b) mentions the Village Marshal.
- **Section 8.07 – Public entertainment.**
 - Subsection (6) mentions the Village Marshal.

Code Sections Mentioning Village Police Department or Chief of Police:

- **Section 1.03 – Appointed officials.**
 - The table in Subsection (1) mentions the appointment and term of Police Officers.
- **Section 3.04 – Police discipline committee**
 - Since there will not be a police discipline committee once the Iowa County Sheriff's Department takes over law enforcement duties, this section can be removed.
- **Section 4.05 – Parking limitations.**
 - Subsection (5)(a) mentions the Ridgeway Police Department
- **Section 8.02 – Issuance and revocation of licenses.**
 - Subsection (15) mentions the Police Department.
- **Section 8.04 – Intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverages.**
 - Subsection (9)(a) mentions the Chief of Police.
 - Subsections (12)(b) and (c) mention the Police Department.

- **Section 8.05 – Licensing and regulation of pets.**
 - Subsection (2)(g) mentions Village Police Officers.
 - Subsection (2)(m) mentions the Village Police Department.
- **Section 8.09 – Mobile homes and mobile home parks.**
 - Subsection (3)(e) mentions the Chief of Police.
- **Section 9.09 – Storage of junk regulated.**
 - Subsection (3) mentions the Police Department.
- **Section 9.10 – Abandoned vehicles.**
 - Subsections (2, (3), and (5) mention the Chief of Police.
- **Section 10.28 – All-terrain and utility-terrain vehicle routes.**
 - Subsection (4)(a) mentions the Village of Ridgeway Police Department.