

# Ordinance to Adopt the Wisconsin Municipal Records Schedule #2022 - 02

## SECTION 1- TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Brothertown Ordinance to Adopt the Wisconsin Municipal Records Schedule. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide the legal custodian(s) of public records in the possession of the Town of Brothertown with the authority to retain and destroy those records.

## SECTION II: AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Brothertown, County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under ss. 60.83 and ss. 19.21(4), Wis. Stats., to adopt an ordinance to address the management and destruction of public records.

## SECTION III: ADOPTION OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL RECORDS SCHEDULE

The Wisconsin Municipal Records Schedule, as approved by the Public Records Board on August 27, 2018, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted by the Town Board of Brothertown as the Town's official record retention schedule.

## SECTION IV: NOTIFICATION TO WISCONSIN STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

When a record has met the terms of the retention period, the record may be destroyed by the legal custodian of the record, provided the custodian has complied with the notification requirement set forth in s. 19.21(4), Wis. Stats., to the Wisconsin State Historical Society.

## SECTION V: CONFLICT

In the event of any conflict between the terms of this ordinance and any applicable state statute, the applicable state statute shall control.

## SECTION VII: REVOCATION OF PRECEDING ORDINANCE


This ordinance hereby revokes and supersedes any prior resolutions or ordinances adopted by the town board relating to the retention and/or destruction of public records of the Town of Brothertown.

## SECTION VIII: EFFECTIVE DATE

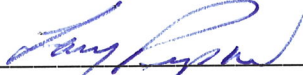
This ordinance shall become effective upon its publication and/or posting in the manner set forth in s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

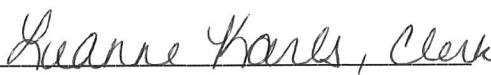
Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

By the Town Board of the Town of Brothertown, Calumet County:

  
Chairman Charles Schneider

  
Supervisor Doug Marcelle

  
Supervisor Larry Propson

Attest:   
LeAnne Karls, Town Clerk

# **General Records Schedule**

## ***Wisconsin Municipal and Related Records***

Approved by the Public Records Board:

***August 27, 2018***



**Expiration: August 27, 2028**

**For use by all units of Wisconsin Government at the Municipal level**

## Introduction:

Records are a basic tool of transacting business on behalf of all local government units. They are the foundation for government accountability. Records management is regulated by Wisconsin state law, and accordingly, the Wisconsin Municipal Records Schedule (WMRS), upon adoption, provides legal authorization to dispose of records on a regularly scheduled basis. The schedule serves as a mechanism for consistent retention and disposition of similar types of records across all municipal governments and provides assurance of accountability to the public.

The schedule was developed following guidelines for complying with legal, fiscal, and archival requirements for records retention and facilitates cost-effective management of records commonly found in municipal governments.

Wisconsin Statute § 19.21(1) defines public records as "all property and things received from the officer's predecessor or other persons and required by law to be filed, deposited, or kept in the officer's office, or which are in the lawful possession or control of the officer or the officer's deputies." Records are defined by Wisconsin Statute § 19.32(2) as "any material on which written, drawn, printed, spoken, visual, or electromagnetic information or electronically generated or stored data is recorded or preserved, regardless of physical form or characteristics, that has been created or is being kept by an authority." Public records are also defined as being "all books, papers, maps, photographs, films, recordings, optical discs, electronically formatted documents, or other documentary materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received by any state agency or its officers or employees in connection with the transaction of public business" (Wis. Stat. § 16.61(2)(b)).

### I. Applicability:

The WMRS is available for adoption by all Wisconsin cities, villages, and towns; along with other non-county local units of government. County governments should refer to the County General Schedule for their record retention requirements. The WMRS is intended to serve as guidance for records that are created or received by your particular unit. Adopting the schedule does not require local units to begin creating any record series that they currently do not produce.

Records retention guidelines apply regardless of record format. Records covered by the WMRS may be retained in electronic, paper, or other formats. The schedule applies to all records: born digital (including those created or transmitted via e-mail), data contained in database systems, tapes/cartridges and other types of electronic records and information systems maintained by agencies. Municipalities must also meet the standards and requirements for the management of electronic records outlined in Chapter Adm. 12.



Specific schedules may also be set by Records Disposition Authorizations (RDAs). Please consult the PRB webpage on [Information for Counties and Municipalities](#) for more information and instructions.

Municipalities that choose not to adopt the WMRS are still required to schedule the destruction of obsolete records through ordinance as stated in Wis. Stat. 19.21(4). Retention periods that are not specifically set by state statutes CANNOT be scheduled for less than 7 years without approval from the PRB.

#### IV. Using the Schedule:

The WMRS is arranged in five different sections covering the record series created by municipal governments. Some sections are broken down into subsections to provide easier reference. The following is an example of the format used in each section and an explanation of the information found in each column.

Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention	Confidential	WHS Notification
<b>Subsection</b>				

- **Record Series Title** – Descriptive title of the record series. This is a basic title, not necessarily universally used by all municipalities.
- **Series Description** – Brief overview of the records that are included in the record series.
  - If a specific statute or legal source defines a retention period for the records it is identified in this field.
- **Retention** – Indicates the minimum time period a record series must be maintained and a description of what initiates the start of the retention clock.
  - **Creation:** Is used when the creation of the record initiates the retention time period. (*Example:* If a RDA existed for ABC Annual Reports, the event might be written as *Creation+ 3 years* meaning an ABC Annual Report must be retained for three years after it is created.)
  - **Fiscal:** Is used if the retention time period is initiated by the end of a fiscal year. (*Example:* RDAs that exist for annual budgets might be written as *Fiscal+ 6 years* meaning a budget would have to be retained for six years after the end of that fiscal year.)
  - **Event:** Is used if a specific event other than Creation or Fiscal initiates the retention time period. (*Example:* A RDA that exists for a housing relocation program has the event written as *Event+ 5 years; Event=Approval Letter for Relocation Plan*. In this scenario, it means all records associated with this RDA have to be retained for five years after the official letter was sent by the state to approve the relocation plan.)



- Permanent: Records identified as “permanent” have been identified as containing significant historical information and long term business value. Therefore municipalities are responsible for ensuring the long-term preservation of these records. The Wisconsin Historical Society will, in certain circumstances, accept “permanent” records for transfer if the municipality is unable to maintain these records.

Records that have passed their retention period should not be destroyed if any of the following conditions apply:

- Records are required for financial or performance audits either currently underway or known to be planned.
- Records are subject to a “legal hold” because they may be relevant to an existing, pending, or anticipated legal proceeding.
- A related open records request has been received and not completed, or statutorily required time periods have expired.

#### V. Confidential Records and Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

##### Confidential Records:

Some records series may contain confidential or restricted access records. The WMRS identifies any record series containing information required by Wisconsin Statute, administrative rule, or other legal authority to be kept confidential or protected from public access. The confidential column is marked “yes” if ANY records in the series may contain confidential information.

Even when specific confidentiality statutes do not apply, application of substantive common law principles through the balancing test considerations under Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(a), may affect disclosure of the record under the public records law.

When an individual or an individual’s representative makes an open records request for records containing personally identifiable information about that individual, there is no balancing test, but the disclosure exceptions under Wis. Stat. §19.35(1)(am), must be considered. Wis. Stat. §19.35(1)(am) exceptions include:

- endangering an individual’s life or safety;
- endangering the security of a prison, including the security of the population or staff;
- identifying a confidential informant; and
- records collected or maintained in connection with complaints, investigations, or other circumstances that may lead to various administrative or court proceedings.

It is strongly recommended that local governments consult with legal counsel when responding to an open records request. Additional resources on open records requests can be found by visiting the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Open Government’s website.

## Administrative Records

### Requirements Specific to Administrative Records

The Administrative Records section is organized by the following subsections:

- Administration (general)
- Common Council/Village Board/Town Board
- Emergency Planning
- Human Resources/Personnel
- Legal
- Licenses and Permits
- Municipal Land Ownership
- Municipal Vehicles
- Payroll
- Real Property Titles

This section is intended to provide municipalities with schedules for the most common record series generally grouped under this topic. Municipalities that are in need of schedules for records not covered in this section are encouraged to review and consult the appropriate General Records Schedules listed below:

- Administrative Records General Schedule
- Fleet and Aircraft Management Records
- Human Resources and Related General Schedule
- Payroll & Related General Schedule

Municipal Court Records are scheduled by Supreme Court Rule 72, which specifies the retention periods for court records and requires municipal courts to give 60 day notice to the Wisconsin Historical Society prior to destroying obsolete records.

Furthermore, SCR 72 states that notice is not required for records in which "the historical society has indicated, by blanket waiver, that it has no interest for historical purposes." The Wisconsin Historical Society has waived the sixty-day notification period for all municipal court records dated 1941 or later. This waiver applies to all municipal courts throughout the state and allows for the disposal of municipal court records without further notification. Municipal Courts are still obligated to maintain the records for the minimum time specified in Supreme Court Rule 72. Please contact the Wisconsin Historical Society if you have any questions regarding Municipal Court Records.

**Note:** Notification should be given on any records 75 years or older regardless if they are marked waived.

Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention	Confidential	WHS Notification
Contracts and Agreements	Any contracts or agreements to which the municipality is a party.	Event+6; Event=End date or cancellation of contract	No	Waive
Correspondence (Senior Level or Elected Official)	Business-related correspondence (paper and electronic) of senior level staff and elected officials.	Event+6 months; Event=Separation from position/end of term  Note: Correspondence that relates specifically to a program or project may need to be retained per that particular schedule	No	Notify
Correspondence (General Staff)	Business-related correspondence (paper and electronic) of non-appointed general staff.	Event+1 year; Event=Creation or receipt  Note: Correspondence that relates specifically to a program or project may need to be retained per that particular schedule	No	Waive



Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention	Confidential	WHS Notification
Oath of Office	Elected or appointed municipal officers may be required to take, and file in writing, an official oath within ten days after receiving notice of election or appointment.	Event+5 years; Event=End of term	No	Waive
Open Records Requests and Responses	Records relating to regular and reformulated, repetitious, systematic or continuing requests by individuals, groups or organizations for access to general information under the provisions of the Wis. Stats. §§ 19.35-19.37.	Event+3 years; Event=Response provided	No	Waive
Organizational Chart	Repository of the official organizational structure of offices.	Event; Event=Superseded	No	Waive
Organizational Planning	Includes division and unit strategic business and operational planning files such as, but not limited to, final plan and significant work papers.	Event+7 years; Event=Completion of plan	No	Notify
Petitions	Petitions submitted to municipalities for improvements or changes to existing municipal services/structures.	Event+7 years; Event=Petition approved or denied	No	Waived

Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention	Confidential	WHS Notification
<b>Common Council/Village Board/Town Board</b>				
Affidavits of Publication	Records providing proof of publication for legal notices as required by law. (Note: See Wis. Stat. § 985.12 for more information on proof of publication).	Event+7 years; Event=Date of publication	No	Waive
Audio Tapes	Recordings of meetings used to produce minutes. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 19.21(7).	Event+90 days; Event=Date the minutes have been approved and published	No	Waive
Minutes (Common Council)	Official minutes of the Common Council/Village Board/Town Board.	Permanent	No	N/A
Ordinances	Official ordinances and any ordinance books kept by municipalities.	Permanent	No	N/A
Resolutions	Official records pertaining to resolutions passed by municipalities.	Permanent	No	N/A



Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention	Confidential	WHS Notification
Personnel Files	Documents employee personnel actions during the employment of the employee. Applies to ALL employees.	Event+7 years; Event=End of employment/service	No <sup>4</sup>	Waive
<b>Legal</b>				
Attorney Opinions	Municipal attorney opinions given to answer specific questions regarding the interpretation and application of statutes and ordinances, or other legal matters.	Permanent	No <sup>5</sup>	N/A
Case Files	Files include, but are not limited to, pleadings and legal arguments, evidence, research, orders, legal summons and subpoenas issued. <sup>6</sup>	Event+7 years; Event=Close of case	No <sup>7</sup>	Notify on historically significant cases only <sup>8</sup>

<sup>4</sup> No specific statutes restrict this type of record. However, the balancing test per Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(a) should be applied prior to releasing this type of record. Personnel files may contain patient health records which may be protected by Wis. Stat. § 146.82 and/or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

<sup>5</sup> Records may contain material protected by Attorney-Client Privilege Wis. Stat. § 905.03.

<sup>6</sup> Records may contain the client file with information pertaining to expenses, attorney notes, medical records, government agency filings, discovery such as requests for production of documents, deposition transcripts, and evidence.

<sup>7</sup> Records may contain material protected by Attorney-Client Privilege Wis. Stat. § 905.03.

<sup>8</sup> Historically significant case files include those that have established legal precedents; cases that received widespread attention from the public and news media; and cases recognized for their uniqueness. Examples of such cases include, but are not limited to, major civil rights cases, major labor relations cases, major environmental cases, cases dealing tribal governments and treaty rights, major cases with constitutional implications, and cases related to major prosecutions of public officials.



Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention	Confidential	WHS Notification
<b>Municipal Land Ownership</b>				
Land Titles, Conveyances and Easements	Documentation for municipal owned land. Also includes any legal rights granted to others that relate to municipal owned land.	Permanent	No	N/A
Sales of Facilities and/or Land (Case Files)	Includes appraisals and related valuations. Projects where a municipality plans or actually sells either facilities and/or land assets.	Event+6 years; Event=date of the completion of the transaction	No	Waived
<b>Municipal Vehicles</b>				
Motor Vehicle Control and Assignment Records	Documentation of agency motor vehicle assignments to employees. Includes completed documentation on reservations for pool cars, individual trips, driver profiles, check-in and checkout logs.	Event+1 year; Event=date the vehicle is disposed	No	Waived
Motor Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Maintenance Records	Records documenting service and repair orders to motor vehicles. These records normally include maintenance orders, logs, fiscal documents, such as requisitions or purchase orders for parts or services, vehicle warranties, operation and repair manuals and parts lists.	Event+1 year; Event=date the vehicle is disposed	No	Waived

Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention	Confidential	VHS Notification
Payrolls and Payroll Registers	Payroll listings showing gross and net pay, as well as deductions for state employees. Referred to on questions of back pay and income taxes.	Creation+4 years	No	Waived
<b>Real Property Titles</b>				
Title Documentation	Records documenting the title of land owned by the municipality including the abstract and certificate of title, opinions of title, and title insurance policies.	Permanent	No	N/A

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Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention and Disposition	Confidential	WHS Notification
Contract for Sale	Copy of each contract for the sale of a cemetery lot, mausoleum space, or cemetery merchandise. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 157.62(4).	Event=3 years; Event=After all of the obligations of the contract have been fulfilled	No	Waive
Grave Registration Records	Records that describe who is buried, the date of death, interment and location of the remains.	Permanent	No	N/A
Preneed Trust Funds	An accounting of amounts deposited in, amounts withdrawn from, income accruing to, and the balance at the close of the reporting period of any preneed trust funds of the cemetery. Including records that show, for each deposit, the name of the purchaser or beneficiary of the contract relating to the deposit and the item purchased. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 157.62(4).	Event+15 years; Event=Date of the deposit or withdrawal	Yes  Confidential per Wis. Stat. § 157.62(2)(c)	Waive
Reburial of Human Remains	Includes records confirming an attempt to notify individuals specified in Wis. Stat. 157.112(3)(b)1.-4. when none of the individuals specified are available. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 157.112(3m).	Permanent	No	N/A



## Community Development/Public Services

### Requirements Specific to Community Development/Public Services

The Community Development/Public Services section is organized by the following subsections:

- Housing Program
- Outreach
- Parks
- Public Transportation
- Sanitation

This section is intended to provide municipalities with schedules for the most common record series generally grouped under this topic. Municipalities that are in need of schedules for records not covered in this section are encouraged to review the County General Schedule for reference on scheduling similar records. The County General Schedule cannot be adopted by municipalities for use, but the schedules can be used for creating record schedules through municipal ordinances.

Municipalities that have records pertaining to Public Health should use the County General Schedule to create ordinances to schedule those records.

The retention of public transportation surveillance recordings is covered by the schedule for surveillance recordings listed under the subsection Maintenance and Operations in the Public Works section.

**Note:** Notification should be given on any records 75 years or older regardless if they are marked waived.

Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention and Disposition	Confidential	Waive/Notify
Reservation Requests, Rental Agreements, Use Permits, and Contracts	Permits, agreements, and contracts for the use of parks, shelters, and facilities.	Event+3 years; Event=Date of reservation	No	Waived
Supervisors Daily Report of Work Completed	Summarizes progress made on a particular job, noting the time required, employees assigned and vehicles used.	Creation+2 years	No	Waived
<b>Public Transportation</b>				
Accessible Boarding Reports	Reports documenting the accessibility of vehicles.	Creation+5 years	No	Waive
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Customer Eligibility Files	Files determining the eligibility of customers for ADA transit programs.	Event+6 years; Event=Termination of service or participation by customer	Yes Patient health information may be protected by Wis. Stat. § 146.82	Waive
Bus Route Schedules and Timetables	Documentation of transit schedules, timetables, routes, and route history.	Event+3 years; Event=Superseded	No	Waive

Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention and Disposition	Confidential	Waive/Notify
Curbside Recycling Program	Documentation of the curbside recycling program including policies, procedures, and administration of the program.	Event+7 years; Event=superseded	No	Waive
Drop Off Site/Recycling Yard Waste	Site operation files and records.	Creation+7 years	No	Waive
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center	Records related to the collection and disposal of paints, corrosives, flammables, toxics, used motor oil, and car/truck batteries.	Creation+30 years	No	Waive
Landfill/Garbage Dump Sites	Location of any fill, records of materials deposited, cover materials used, reports of leachate and methane leakage and treatment, source of fill materials, (household, commercial) source of cover materials, and inspection reports.	Permanent	No	N/A

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Applications for Absentee Ballots (State, County, Local Elections)	Includes copies of proof of identification when submitted with application. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 7.23(1)(k).	Event+90 days; Event=Election	No	Waived
Ballots (Federal Elections)	Federal election ballots. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 7.23(1)(f).	Event+22 months; Event=Election	No	Waived
Ballots (State, County, Local Elections)	State, county, local offices. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 7.23(1)(n).	Event+30 days; Event=Election	No	Waived
Ballots (Unused and related Materials)	Only applies to unused ballots and materials. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 7.23(1)(a).	Event+3 business days; Event=Completion of all election canvasses <sup>11</sup>	No	Waived

<sup>11</sup> Materials must be retained in event a petition for recount has been filed.

Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention and Disposition	Confidential	WHS Notification
Campaign Registration Statements	Statements filed by candidates for public office. Includes Notification of Non-candidacy for reelection forms. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 7.23(1)(d).	Event+6 years; Event=termination issued by the registrant	No	Waived
<b>Reports and Lists</b>				
Official Canvassers Statements	Prepared statement showing the results of each election. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 7.23(1)(i).	Event+10 years; Event=election	No	Waived
Election Notices	Includes proofs of publication and correspondence filed in connection with such notices. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 7.23(1)(j).	Event+1 year; Event=Election	No	Waived
Election Notices (Federal Elections)	Includes proofs of publication and correspondence filed in connection with such notices. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 7.23(1)(j).	Event=22 months; Event=Election	No	Waived
Election Voting and Registration Statistics Reports	Reports filed by municipal clerks on registration, voting, and absentee voting. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. §§ 6.275-6.276.	Event+22 months; Event=Election	No	Waived



## Finance Records

### Requirements Specific to Finance Records

The Finance section is organized by the following subsections:

- Budget
- Fiscal
- Purchasing

Municipalities are encouraged to adopt the following general schedules in instances where this schedule does not adequately provide coverage for all types of records that could be created:

- Budget & Related General Records Schedule
- Fiscal & Accounting Related Records General Schedule
- Purchasing & Procurement General Schedule

**Note:** Records in this series may contain confidential or restricted information. Even when specific confidentiality statutes do not apply, application of substantive common law principles through the balancing test considerations under Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(a), may affect disclosure of the record under the public records law. Please consult [Section V: Confidential Records and Personally Identifiable Information \(PII\)](#) of the Introduction for more information on this topic.

**Note:** Notification should be given on any records 75 years or older regardless if they are marked waived.

Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention and Disposition	Confidential	WHS Notification
<b>Budget</b>				
Approved Annual Operating Budget	Records related to establishing the base level agency annual operating budget each fiscal year.	Fiscal+6 years	No	Waived



Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention and Disposition	Confidential	WHS Notification
<b>Payments and Receipts</b>				
Bank Statements/ Reconciliations	Statements received from institutions holding the municipality's funds.	Creation+7 years	No	Waived
Cashbook	Overall record accounting for receipts and disbursements, usually for fiscal or calendar year.	Event+7 years; Event=Audit	No	Waived
Collection & Disbursement Reports	Reports showing the amounts collected, amounts retained by county/local government, and portion sent to state.	Event+3 years; Event=Transaction date	No	Waived
Credit Card Receipts or Information Received from Sales	Credit card receipts and related documentation associated with credit card transactions.	Event+3 years; Event=Transaction date	No	Waived
Financial support records	Records used in reconciling bank statements and verifying expenditures. Includes, but not limited to, credit/debit notices, cash reconciliations, and deposit stubs.	Event+1 year; Event=Audit	No	Waived

## Public Works

### Requirements Specific to Public Works

Records in the Public Works section are arranged under the following subsections:

- Building Inspection
- Engineering
- Maintenance and Operations
- Planning and Zoning
- Utilities

The Public Works section is intended to provide municipalities with schedules for the most common record series generally grouped under this topic. Municipalities that are in need of schedules for records not covered in this section are encouraged to review and consult the appropriate General Records Schedules listed below:

- Facilities Management and Related Records

Wis. Stat. § 19.21(4)(b) defines the minimum retention cities, villages, and towns may set for water stubs, receipts of current billing, and customer's ledgers of any municipal utility as 2 years. In addition, municipalities should check the schedule set by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) for Municipal Utilities. A complete list of records and schedules is located in "Investigation to Consider Proposed Changes to Records Retention Requirements for Electric, Gas and Water Utilities."

Schedules specific to Police/First Responder records are not included in the WMRS. Consult the County General Schedule for records schedules for similar records which can be used as a basis for the creation of schedules and/or ordinances.

Surveillance recording schedule applies to municipally operated security footage for public buildings, street cameras, and public transportation. The schedule **does not apply** to footage recorded by police body cameras, patrol dashboard cameras, or any similar police recording device.

Municipalities should have adequate and clear procedures in place that explain the proper handling and destruction of surveillance recordings. Clear communication with appropriate municipal personnel will help to ensure that the record is not destroyed prematurely and public requests and/or any legal or program needs are met in a timely manner.

**Note:** Notification should be given on any records 75 years or older regardless if they are marked waived.



Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention and Disposition	Confidential	WHS Notification
Building Plans: Residential 1 and 2 Family Dwellings	Includes architectural, design specs, structural and utility plans submitted for inspection review. Authority provided by Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 320.10(6)(a)2.	Event+4 years; Event=Construction completed	No	Waived
Building Inspection: Residential 1 and 2 Family Dwellings	Applications forms, correction orders, correspondence and inspection records. Authority provided by Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 320.10(6)(a)3.	Event+ 7 years; Event=Construction completed	No	Waived
Code Compliance Inspection Reports	Reports completed during field investigations to determine if buildings and system installations comply with the specifications of appropriate codes.	Permanent	No	N/A
<b>Engineering</b>				
Airport Improvement Petition File	Material submitted to the Department of Transportation when a municipality wants to make an improvement to the airport. Records may include public hearing records, briefs, reports and recommendations, and correspondence.	Event+7; Event=petition submitted to DOT	No	Waived
Airport Master Plan	The Airport Master Plan provides information about the condition of the airport and projects development for the next 20 years.	Event+20 years; Event=new plan issued	No	Notify



Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention and Disposition	Confidential	WHS Notification
Municipal Project Records	All documents pertaining to a project including, design and construction contracts, proposed and approved amendments to all contracts, bidding plans and specifications, details on materials used on each project, and all other related project materials. Use for buildings, streets, sewers, sidewalks, etc.	Event+10 years; Event=Date project is completed	No	Waived
Municipal Project Records (Historically Significant)	Use for historically significant projects. (Projects are typically large-scale and may include new construction of a major municipal facility, as well as projects involving facilities significant to the State of WI or United States history; buildings on the State or National Register of Historic Places.)	Event; Event=Life of structure	No	Notify
<b>Maintenance and Operations</b>				
American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Facility Reviews	Records cover ADA inspections, investigations, complaint investigations, facility logs and reports regarding ADA compliance relating to facilities and structures.	Event+6 years; Event=Close of review or audit	No	Waived
Asbestos and Hazardous Material and Environmental Remediation Case File	Project files on asbestos abatement and hazardous materials and environmental remediation projects at state owned buildings. <sup>17</sup>	Event+30 years; Event=Completion of the project	Yes <sup>18</sup>	Waived

Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention and Disposition	Confidential	WHS Notification
Building Maintenance: Equipment Repair and Service Records	Documents the installation, maintenance, service and history of equipment commonly used to maintain facilities.	Event+1 month; Event=Removal and disposal of equipment	No	Waived
Building Lease Files	Files on leased facilities.	Event+7 years; Event=End of lease	No	Waived
Maps	Series may document road locations or surfaces, zoning information, parks, flood plains, soils, or parcel boundaries. This record series may also include indexes to maps. <sup>19</sup>	Permanent	No	N/A
Physical Plant Monitoring and Inspection Reports	Records documenting the operation of all facets of facilities: VAC; plumbing; mechanical, electrical, structural as well as special monitoring of building components.	Creation+6 years	No	Waived

<sup>19</sup> Copies of maps that are retained by local government offices after originals have been sent to other government units for retention may be destroyed 90 days after they have been transferred. An example of this are copies of certified survey maps created by local units and then sent to the county register of deeds office for retention under Wis. Stat. § 236.34(2).



Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention and Disposition	Confidential	VHS Notification
<b>Planning and Zoning</b>				
Aerial Photographs	Aerial photographs used for planning and map creation.	Event; Event=Superseded	No	Notify
Annexation Records	Incorporation records such as petitions, hearing testimony and exhibits, court orders, notices, resolutions, and related correspondence. <sup>23</sup>	Permanent	No	N/A
Comprehensive Growth and Development Plan	Provides general goals, objectives, policies and implementation recommendations to guide the future growth and development of the city.	Event+14 years; Event=Superseded by new plan	No	Notify
Conditional Use Permits	Applications and related documents for a conditional use permit. Applications include site plan, applicate statement, and evidence evidence/documentation.  This series may also include public hearing notice, reports, public hearing documentation, and decision.	Event+7 years; Event=termination of conditional use permit	No	Waived

<sup>23</sup> Records cover proposed incorporations of town areas into cities and villages pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0201 - § 66.0209, and municipal consolidations of towns with cities and villages pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0229.



Record Series Title	Series Description	Retention and Disposition	Confidential	WHS Notification
Zoning Appeals, Unapproved	Material submitted to appeal a zoning decision. May include maps, rezoning application, written local description of the proposed zoning boundaries, and drawings of the boundaries. Also includes public hearing records.	Event+7 years; Event=Final appeal is closed	No	Notify
Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Material	Agendas, minutes, reports, plans, and other material submitted to the Zoning Board, and/or Zoning Board of Appeals.	Permanent	No	N/A
Zoning Ordinance	The text of the zoning ordinance spells out uniform rules that apply to each zoning district including: uses of the land (permitted, conditional and prohibited uses), dimensional standards (lot size, frontage, setbacks, building height, bulk, floor area), and the density of development. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 60.61.	Permanent	No	N/A
Zoning, Rezoning Files	May include, but is not limited to, maps, rezoning application, written local description of the proposed zoning boundaries, and drawings of the boundaries. Also includes public hearing records.	Permanent	No	N/A
Zoning Variance Files	Records related to area and use variances. Documentation submitted by landowners to secure a variance to the zoning ordinance.	Permanent	No	N/A

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Water and Sewer Main Break Records	A record documenting the history of breaks in water and sewer main lines.	Permanent	No	N/A
Water, Storm, and Sanitary Sewer Main Maps	Maps providing the location of water, storm, and sanitary sewer mains. Also provides information about the depth, slope, size and composition of these features.	Permanent	No	N/A

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<b>Assessment</b>				
Assessor' Final Reports	Documents yearly changes to master property record and personal property returns. Final report is filed with DOR.	Event+5 years; Event=Final report filed with DOR	No	Waive
Cadastral Maps	Includes any plats, assessor's plats, certified surveys, or aerial photographs used in determining taxable boundaries.	Permanent	No	N/A
Final Assessment Rolls	Both real and personal property rolls.	Creation+15 years (Provided no Forest Crop Acreage is recorded) <sup>25</sup>	No	Notify
Master Property Records	Details the appraisal of real property, based on the field inspections of the assessor.	Event+5 years; Event=Life of structure	No	Notify

<sup>25</sup> Wis. Stat. § 19.21(4)(a) states that no assessment roll that contains forest crop acreage may be destroyed without the prior approval of the secretary of revenue. Notification to the Wisconsin Historical Society is still required before approved assessment rolls can be destroyed.



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Notice of Determination	Final decisions sent to property owners. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 70.47(12).	Event+7 years; Event=Final action of Board of Review or completion of appeal	No	Waive
Proceedings	Includes audio recordings and any transcripts of board of review proceedings, along with any notes taken by clerk. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 70.47(8)(f).	Event+7 years; Event=Final action of Board of Review or completion of appeal	No	Waive
<b>Special Assessments</b>				
Final Resolution	Final authorization of special assessments. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 66.0703(8)(d).	Permanent	No	N/A
Payment Register	Record of the receipt of scheduled payments.	Event+7 years; Event=Final collection of payments	No	Waive
Preliminary Resolutions	Issued by municipal district describing the purpose of the project, calculations, limits of assessment district, and number of installments to be paid. Authority provided by Wis. Stat. § 66.0703(4).	Creation+2 years (provided report is on file with public works project record)	No	Waive

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Tax Receipts	Receipts issued by treasurer upon payment of taxes. Includes any supporting documents associated with issuing and recording receipts of payments.	Event+7 years; Event=Audit of records by outside accounting firm	No	Waive
Tax Settlements	Used to verify tax collections compared to the taxes levied in the municipal records.	Event+7 years; Event=Audit	No	Waive
Unpaid Tax Statements	List of postponed real property, delinquent real property, and delinquent personal property taxes.	Creation+15 years (Retain with tax roll)	No	Waive

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