

Resolution No. 2025-11
State of Wisconsin
County of Washington
Town of Farmington

**RESOLUTION TO INITIATE AMENDMENTS TO
THE TEXT OF THE ZONING CODE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington ("Town"), Washington County, Wisconsin maintains the Town of Farmington Zoning Code, adopted on October 18, 2005, as amended from time to time (the "Zoning Code"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 13-1-181 of the Zoning Code and Wis. Stat. § 60.61(4)(c), the Town Board has determined it is necessary to initiate an amendment to the text of the Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Zoning Code are necessary to update the text of the code to be consistent with current state zoning laws; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmington and the Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary, LLC (d/b/a Shalom Wildlife Zoo) are parties to Washington County Circuit Court Case No. 2025-CV-103, entitled *We Love Farmington U.A. and Andrew Willets v. Town of Farmington and Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary, LLC*, in which the plaintiffs are challenging the Zoo's legal authority to operate as either a permitted use or conditional use under Town zoning ordinances; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Zoning Code are necessary to eliminate any ambiguity as to the legal authority for the Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary, LLC (d/b/a Shalom Wildlife Zoo) to operate in an Agricultural District in the Town of Farmington, Washington County, Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Farmington, Washington County, Wisconsin, that the Zoning Code sections 13-1-1, 13-1-8, 13-1-45, 13-1-181, 13-1-182 and 13-1-190 be amended as more specifically set forth by the attached ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Code is hereby referred to the Plan Commission for its review and advisory recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Code shall be set for a public hearing before the Town Board of the Town of Farmington pursuant to Sec. 13-1-181 of the Zoning Code, Wis. Stat. §§ 60.61(4)(c) and 62.23(7)(d), on November 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, located at 9422 STH 144, Kewaskum, Wisconsin 53040.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall publish a Class 2 notice of the Public Hearing in the Kewaskum Statesman, the official Town newspaper, on or about October 23, 2025 and on or about October 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ordinance amending the Agricultural District regulations may have the affect of changing the allowable use of any property in the Agricultural District. Pursuant to this Town Board directive the notice of the public hearing shall state that a copy of the map of the agricultural zoned lands in the Town of Farmington and the ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Cade may be obtained by contacting the Town Zoning Administrator at (262) 808-7276 or tfarmzoning@gmail.com.

Introduced by: Doug Neumann

Vote: 3 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstained

Adopted this 14 day of October, 2025.

By the Town Board:

Attested by:

Doug Neumann
Doug Neumann, Chairperson

Patricia Hoerig
Patricia Hoerig, Town Clerk

Mike Rodenkirch
Mike Rodenkirch, Supervisor

Bill Kohlwey
Bill Kohlwey, Supervisor