

Chapter 1

General Provisions and Elections

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Sec. 2-1-1 **Legal Status; General Town Powers.**

- (a) The Town of Westport is a body corporate and politic, with those powers granted by law. The Town shall be designated in all actions and proceedings by its name, as the Town of Westport.
- (b) The Town may:
 - (1) Sue and be sued.
 - (2) Acquire and hold real and personal property for public use and convey and dispose of the property.
 - (3) Enter into contracts necessary for the exercise of its corporate powers.

State Law Reference: Sec. 60.01, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-2 **Village Powers.**

The Town Meeting having, by resolution, directed the Town Board to exercise all powers relating to villages and conferred on village boards by Chapter 61, Wis. Stats., the Town shall have said powers through its Board. This is a continuing grant of powers.

State Law Reference: Sec. 60.10(2)(c), 60.22(3) and Ch. 61, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-3 **Voter Registration.**

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 6.27(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Town of Westport elects that registration shall be required for all primaries and elections in the Town of Westport.

- (b) The Town Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Westport shall forthwith certify this action to the County Clerk and to the Secretary of State.

Sec. 2-1-4 Polling Place.

The polling place serving all wards in the Town of Westport shall be the Westport Town Hall, 5387 Mary Lake Road, Town of Westport.

State Law Reference: Sec. 5.25(2), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-5 Election Poll Hours; Workers.

- (a) **Poll Hours.** The voting polls in the Town of Westport, Dane County, Wisconsin, shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all elections.
- (b) **Number of Election Officials.** The Town Clerk/Treasurer shall be authorized to employ election officials (poll workers and tabulators) for each election sufficient to conduct said election effectively, the minimum number of election officials necessary at any one time for any one (1) election being three (3). It is further authorized that two (2) sets of election officials may be used at different times at any one (1) election with the total number of election officials working at one time to be an odd number. The election officials employed for each election shall be selected from those appointed by the Town Board at the December Board meeting of each even-numbered year where possible. If it is impossible to obtain a sufficient number of election officials for an election from those appointed, the Clerk/Treasurer shall employ alternate election officials as necessary.
- (c) **Tabulators.** Not less than thirty (30) days before any election, the Town Board, by resolution, may authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to select and employ tabulators for any election. Such authorization applies to the elections specified in the resolution, and if not specified, applies until the authorization is modified or revoked.

State Law Reference: Sec. 7.30(1) and (3), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 2-1-6 Official Newspaper.

The Town of Westport shall use posting pursuant to the Wisconsin Statutes as its means of giving notice. When publication is required by the Wisconsin Statutes or when directed by the Town Board, the official newspaper of the Town of Westport shall be *The Waunakee Tribune*.