

TOWN OF GRANT

NONMETALLIC MINE OPERATOR'S LICENSES

2012-2 enacted on October 8, 2012

(1)Findings. Nonmetallic mining operations, while a vital component of our state and local economy, can have both direct and indirect adverse impacts. Studies have documented that nonmetallic mining operations can have adverse impacts on groundwater and surface water, and can generate harmful levels of dust and noise particularly if blasting and crushing operations are undertaken. Nonmetallic mining sites can have negative impacts on the landscape and aesthetics if not properly screened, and can present safety concerns to members of the public if not properly secured. Truck traffic from such operations can also generate off-site impacts including safety concerns to children and other residents. While certain aspects of mining operations are subject to state or federal regulation, there is no comprehensive state or federal regulation of nonmetallic mining operations. Many aspects of nonmetallic mining operations are left unregulated, with potential adverse impacts to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town.

(2)Purpose. The purpose of this Chapter is to provide minimum standards for all nonmetallic mining operations in the Town, and to require licenses for nonmetallic mining operations in order to protect public health and safety, to preserve the scenic beauty of the Town's landscapes and environment, to protect the public from damage to both the quantity and quality of ground and surface waters, to minimize or prevent adverse impacts from on-site and off-site operations, and to promote the general welfare of the people and communities within the Town of Grant.

(3)Authority. This Chapter is adopted by the powers granted to the Town of Grant by the Town's adoption of Village powers under Wis. Stat. §§ 60.10 and 41.34, its authority under § 66.0415, and other authority under the statues. Any amendment, repeal or recreation of the statues relating to this Chapter made after the effective date of this Chapter is incorporated into this Chapter by the reference on the effective date of the amendment, repeal or recreation.

The full text of Ordinance 2012-2 may be obtained at the Town of Grant Clerk's office at the home of Peggy Johnson, Clerk, N12038 890th Street, Colfax, Wisconsin 54730. The Town of Grant Clerk's telephone is (715) 658-1888