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2.0101 Enacting Clause for Ordinances

The enacting clause of every ordinance adopted by a municipal corporation shall be: "Be it ordained by the City Commission of the city of Wilton." Such caption, however, may be omitted when the ordinances are published in book form or are revised and digested.

2.0102 Procedure in Passing Ordinances

All ordinances shall be read twice and the second reading and final passage shall not be had in less than one week after the first reading. After the first reading and before final passage, an ordinance may be amended. Except as otherwise specifically provided, a majority of all of the members of the governing body must concur in the passage of an ordinance and in the creation of any liability against the city and in expending or appropriating money.

2.0103 Yea and Nay Vote on Passage- When Required

The yeas and nays shall be taken and entered on the journal of the governing body's proceedings upon the passage of all ordinances and upon all propositions creating any liability against the city or providing for the expenditure or appropriation of money, and in all other cases at the request of any member. The member of the governing body who passes his vote or who remains silent when the roll call on the vote is taken, shall be deemed to have voted yea, and a record of the yea shall be entered into the journal.

2.0104 Reconsideration or Rescinding Votes

No vote of the governing body shall be reconsidered or rescinded at a special meeting unless at such special meeting there is a present as large a number of members as was present when such vote was taken.

2.0105 Publication of Ordinances

The title and penalty clause of every ordinance imposing any penalty, fine, imprisonment, or forfeiture for violation of its provisions after the final adoption of such ordinance, shall be published in one issue of the official paper of the municipality

2.0106 Effective Date of Ordinance

Ordinances finally approved by the governing body of a municipality and which require publication shall take effect and be in force from and after the publication thereof, unless otherwise expressly provided in the ordinance. Ordinances which do not require publication shall take effect and be in force from and after the final approval thereof unless otherwise expressly provided therein.

2.0107 Effect of Repeal

When any ordinance, repealing a former ordinance, clause or provision shall itself be repealed, such repeal shall not be construed to revive such former ordinance, clause or provision, unless it shall be expressly so provided.

2.0108 Enactment and Revision of Ordinances

The provisions of Section 40-11-09 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference into this ordinance.

The executive officer of a municipality may appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the governing body of the municipality, one or more competent persons to prepare and submit to the governing body, for its adoption or rejection, an ordinance for the revision or amendment of existing ordinances or for the enactment of new and additional ordinances for such municipality. The attorney for the municipality, if it has an attorney, shall be appointed as one of the persons to prepare and submit such ordinance. The compensation of the revisor or revisors, including that of the attorney, shall be determined by the governing body and shall be paid out of the municipal treasury. Such revision, including any additional ordinances and amendments to existing ordinances contained therein, may be passed as a single ordinance and may be published in pamphlet or book form, by and under the authority of the governing body of the municipality, and shall be valid and effective without publication in a newspaper or posting.

2.0109 Action for Violating of Ordinance in Corporate Name- Previous Prosecution- Recovery or Acquittal- No Defense

The provisions of Section 40-11-10 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference into this ordinance.

Any action brought to recover any fine, to enforce any penalty, or to punish any violation of an ordinance of any municipality shall be brought in the corporate name of the municipality as plaintiff. A prosecution, recovery, or acquittal for the violation of any such ordinance may not constitute a defense to any other prosecution of the same person for any other violation of any such ordinance, notwithstanding that the different claims for relief existed at the time of the previous prosecution and if united, would not have exceeded the jurisdiction of the court

2.0110 Summons to Issue on Violation of Ordinance- When Warrant of Arrest to Issue

The provisions of Section 40-11-11 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference into this ordinance.

In all actions for the violation of an ordinance, the first process shall be a summons, but a warrant for the arrest of the offender shall be issued upon the sworn complaint of any person that an ordinance has been violated and that the person making the complaint has reasonable grounds to believe the person charged is guilty of such violation. Any person arrested under a warrant shall be taken without unnecessary delay before the proper officer to be tried for the alleged offense.

2.0111 Commitment of Guilty Person for Non-payment of Fines or Costs

The provisions of Section 40-11-12 of the North Dakota Century Code and all subsequent amendments shall be and are hereby incorporated by reference into this ordinance.

Any person upon whom any fine or costs, or both, has been imposed for violation of a municipal ordinance may, after hearing, be committed upon order of the court to jail or other

place provided by the municipality for the incarceration of offenders until the fine or costs, or both, are fully paid or discharged by labor as provided in section 40-18-12. The court may not commit a person under this section when the sole reason for the person's nonpayment of fines or costs, or both, is the person's indigence. An order of commitment under this section shall not be for a period in excess of thirty days. As used in this section, "fine" does not include a fee established pursuant to subsection 2 of section 40-05-06.

2.0112 Costs of Prosecution

In every case of conviction of a violation of an ordinance, or any part thereof, the cost of prosecution shall be assessed against the person convicted as part of the punishment.

2.0113 Judgment of Conviction

In all trials for offenses under the ordinances of the City of Wilton, if the defendant is found guilty, the municipal judge shall render judgment accordingly. It shall be a part of the judgment that the defendant stands committed until such judgment is complied with, and, at the discretion of the municipal court, he may be required to work for the municipality at such labor as the defendant's strength and health will permit, not exceeding 8 hours in each working day. For that work, the defendant will be allowed for each day exclusive of his board, \$10.00 on account of the fines and costs assessed against him.

2.0114 Hard Labor Authorized

The person having the highest number of votes for any municipal office shall be declared elected to such office. In case of a tie vote in the election of any municipal officer, the choice shall be determined by a coin flip in the presence of the governing body of the municipality and in such manner as it shall direct.

2.0115 Refusal to Work

Any person refusing to perform manual labor in accordance with the sentence of the Court shall be deemed in contempt of Court and shall be punished accordingly. No credit shall be allowed such person on account such fines and costs for the date or days that such person refuses to perform manual labor, in accordance with the sentence of the Court.

2.0116 Fines and Forfeitures for Violation of Ordinances Paid into Municipal Treasury

All fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected for offenses against the ordinances of the City of Wilton shall be paid into its treasury. Under no circumstances shall the municipal judge remit fines or penalties or payments of costs

2.0117 Deferring or Suspending Sentence

The municipal judge may, in his discretion, upon the conviction of any person of any offense against any of the ordinances of the City of Wilton, then and there impose a sentence of

imprisonment as may be regulated by such ordinances, or defer imposition of sentence or suspended the sentence imposed on such person for a period of not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of such conviction; and may during such period, allow the defendant to go upon his own recognizance, or upon such bail as may be regulated by law or the ordinances of said City, or may suspend or defer such sentence upon such terms and conditions as the Judge may prescribed; and may, in his discretion, at or before the expiration of such period, have the defendant brought before him and commit such defendant or cause such sentence of imprisonment to be then and there imposed and executed in like manner, so far as applicable, as may be provided by law or the ordinance in cases where the commitment and imposition of the sentence of imprisonment is not deferred or suspended and may then and there forthwith commit such defendant and require that such sentence of imprisonment be executed and carried out.