

**TOWN OF GENEVA, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 63**

An Ordinance to create Ordinance no. 63 of the Town of Geneva Ordinances, related to the establishment and organization of a police commission.

The Town of Geneva, Wisconsin Board does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1: Ordinance no. 63 of the Town of Geneva Ordinances is hereby created to read as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 63
POLICE COMMISSION**

Section 1. The Town of Geneva Board of Police Commissioners, also known as the Town of Geneva Police Commission, is hereby established pursuant to Secs. 60.57, 60.56 and 62.13, Wis. Stats.

Section 2. The Town of Geneva Police Commission shall consist of five(5) citizen or non-citizen members, none of whom may simultaneously be elected or appointed officials of the Town, nor may the members be employees of the Town. Three(3) members shall constitute a quorum. No more than three members of the Commission shall be members of the same political party.

Section 3. The Town Chairperson shall appoint the members of the Commission, pursuant to Secs. 62.13(1) and 60.57(3), Stats. Such appointments shall be made annually, initially with one appointment for approximately five years, one for approximately four years, one for approximately three years, one for approximately two years, and one for approximately one year. Thereafter, the Town Chairperson shall annually, between the last Monday of April and the first Monday of May, appoint in writing to be filed with the Secretary of the Board, one member per year for a term of five years. All terms, including the initial terms described above, shall expire on their appointed year, on the date that the Town Chairperson appoints new members. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation for their service, although the Town Board may vote to allow compensation at a later date if it so desires. Any compensation shall be as allowed by law.

Section 4. The members of the Commission shall meet within thirty days of the entire Commission taking its oath of office for the initial selection of officers. Thereafter, there shall be a meeting within thirty days of the Chairman's regularly scheduled annual appointment of a new member, for the

selection of officers. Officers shall be elected by and from among the sitting Commission members. There shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and two commissioners without title. The President shall have the authority to call a meeting. The Vice-President shall act as President in the absence or inability of the President. The Secretary shall be responsible to give the public and commissioners notice of any meeting as required by law. The Secretary shall maintain a record of all proceedings. Each of the five Commission members shall have an equal vote for all matters brought before the Commission for consideration. The Commission shall meet at least one time per year as required herein for its organizational meeting and may meet more frequently thereafter as necessary to discharge its duties. The Commission may adopt rules as allowed by law to more effectively conduct its affairs. All Commission meetings shall be open to the public, except as provided by the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law, Sec. 19.84, et seq., and Sec. 62.13, Stats. The Commission shall have the powers and duties as provided herein, or otherwise provided by law, including Sec. 62.13, Stats., with the exception of the optional powers enumerated in Sec. 62.13(6), Stats.

Section 5. Commissioners may be removed by majority vote of the Town Board at any time without cause and without a hearing. Any Commission vacancy created by removal or resignation shall be filled by appointment by the Town Chairperson for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 2: This ordinance shall be effective the day following its publication.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2007.

Daniel L. Lauderdale, Chairman

Keith Millard, Supervisor

Merle Loomer, Supervisor

ATTEST:

Debra L. Kirch, Town Clerk