ORDINANCE 2018-11

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AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION ABOUT INCOME AND EXPENSES REQUESTED BY THE ASSESSOR IN PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MATTERS IN THE CITY OF PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, as part of the Budget Adjustment Act, 1997 Wisconsin Act 237, a number of significant changes regarding property tax assessment appeals and Board of Review procedures were enacted; and

WHEREAS, at Section 279(K) of 1997 Wisconsin Act 237, Wis. Stat. § 70.47(7)(af) was created; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 70.47(7)(af) requires that the municipality provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the Assessor under Wis. Stat. § 70.47(7)(af), and shall provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of the court;

NOW THEREFORE, The Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Whenever the Assessor, in the performance of Assessor’s duties, requests or obtains income and expense information that is provided to the Assessor shall be held by the Assessor on a confidential basis, except, however, that the information may be revealed to and used by persons: in the discharging of duties imposed by law; in the discharge of duties imposed by office (including, but not limited to, use by the Assessor in performance of official duties of the Assessor's office and use by the Board of Review in performance of its official duties); or pursuant to order of a court. Income and expenses information provided to the Assessor under Wis. Stat. § 70.47(7)(af), unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is, per Wis. Stat. § 70.47(7)(af), not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1).

Section 2: SEVERABILITY

The several sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable, such decision shall apply only to the specific section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision, and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections or portions thereof of the ordinance. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Any other ordinances whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting or publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this _____ day of October, 2018.

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David Hemmer, Mayor
ATTEST:

Chad Abram, Interim City Administrator

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Certification

I, Tina Fuller, am the duly qualified and acting City Clerk Treasurer of the City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin. I hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and exact reproduction of the original ordinance adopted by the Common Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate in my official capacity on October ______, 2018.

(SEAL)

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Tina Fuller
City Clerk Treasurer