

CHAPTER 7: Intergovernmental Cooperation

66.1001 (2)(g) Wis. Stat.:

A compilation of objectives, policies, goals, maps, and programs for joint planning and decision making with other jurisdictions, including school districts and adjacent local governmental units, for sighting and building public facilities and sharing public services. The element shall analyze the relationship of the local governmental unit to school districts and adjacent local governmental units and to the region, the state, and other governmental units. The element shall incorporate any plans or agreements to which the local governmental unit is a party under s. 66.0301, 66.0307 or 66.0309. The element shall identify existing or potential conflicts between the local governmental unit and other governmental units that are specified in this paragraph and describe processes to resolve such conflicts.

The intergovernmental cooperation chapter identifies opportunities for establishing or maintaining cooperation between local units of government. Cooperation improves lines of communication between different units of government, and aids in the recognition and possible resolution of conflicts between jurisdictions, and allows for the identification of mutual service needs and improvements.

The intent of this chapter is to identify, inventory, and analyze existing and potential cooperative relationships.

Section 7.1 Inventory of Intergovernmental Agreements

Inventory and examination of existing municipal relations allows for the understanding of how municipalities currently work together and how these relationships can be enhanced. As the Village of Park Ridge develops and redevelops over the next 20 years, it is important for them to continue to work with surrounding municipalities.

A. City of Stevens Point

Over the years, the Village of Park Ridge and the City of Stevens Point have become aware of their common interests. Things that help the City and the Village separately, when done cooperatively, can have a much greater impact for both communities. The Village and City currently have a number of agreements between them. Below is a brief description of each.

1. Municipal Water Contract

As of 2004, City of Stevens Point Chapter 13 Ordinance states that all dwellings and places existing on June 2, 1967 which lie within 175 feet from the center line; and all dwellings created after June 2, 1967 which lie within 125 feet from the center line of the following described streets: Park Ridge Drive (4, 10,11, 20, 22, 23, 28, 29, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39, 41, 49, 51, and 69), 105 Sunrise Ave, 112 Sunrise Ave, and 77 Sunset Boulevard lie within the City of Stevens Point Water service area, and thus residents and businesses along those roads have the opportunity to hook up to City water. (see City Chapter 13 Ordinance for more information).

2. Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

In 1993 the Village of Park Ridge and City of Stevens Point agreed to construct a water main and hydrant at the northeast corner of Sunset Avenue and Hillcrest Drive, for use by the Village for fire protection purposes only. The Village is responsible for any future servicing expenses along with payments of a quarterly fee and rate (determined by the Public Service Commission) for the availability of the hydrant and the water. As stated with this agreement, the Village will provide fire protection services to an area of the City in which there is no municipal water service. This agreement (contract) was last updated in March 2003 for a period of 5 years.

The Village of Park Ridge Fire Department participates with local fire departments in a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). MABAS is a system through which the Park Ridge Fire Department can request assistance from participating area fire departments in the form of additional equipment and fire fighters. Requests are made according to predetermined lists, called "Box cards"; each box covers a specific set of needs and equipment. Currently, there are five boxes (1-5) that can be utilized at any time. These "boxes" allow fire departments to quickly request additional help when needed.

3. Sewage Disposal

In September 1956 (and amended in July 1975), the City of Stevens Point, Stevens Point Sewage Disposal Department and Village of Park Ridge executed a contract through which the City of Stevens Point agreed to treat all of the sewage from the residential and commercial users in the Village of Park Ridge through the City's sewage treatment plant and facilities. The residents of Park Ridge are charged the same as a city resident, plus an additional 25% surcharge.

4. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

The Village of Park Ridge voluntarily contributes \$4.00 per Village resident annually to the City of Stevens Point for park purposes.

5. Cable Communications Franchise Agreement

The intent of this agreement was to issue a nonexclusive franchise agreement to provide public cable television and other services within the urban area. The Village of Park Ridge participates in this agreement along with the City of Stevens Point, Villages of Plover and Whiting, and the Towns of Hull, Plover, Stockton, Sharon, Carson, and Linwood.

6. Yard Waste Disposal

Park Ridge has an agreement, at a negotiated price, with the City to allow Village residents to take their yard waste materials to the Stevens Point recycling and yard waste drop-off station located in the City at 100 Sixth Avenue.

B. School Districts

There is no intergovernmental agreement specifically with the Stevens Point Area Public School District.

C. Portage County

1. Portage County Highway Department

The Portage County Highway Department maintains and plows the Village of Park Ridge roads upon their request. There is no formal agreement between the two entities.

2. Portage County Police and Ambulance

The Village relies on the Portage County Sheriff's Department and ambulance service to provide protective services through periodic patrols and on an "on-call" basis. See the Utilities and Community Facilities chapter of this plan for a complete description.

D. State of Wisconsin

There is no intergovernmental agreement specifically with the State of Wisconsin.

Section 7.2 Analysis of Intergovernmental Agreements

The Village feels that all agreements are suitable at this time.

Section 7.3 Identification of Existing or Potential Conflicts with Other Governmental Units

The Village Plan Commission has not identified any at this time.

Section 7.4 Issues/Conclusions Regarding Intergovernmental relations

The Village Plan Commission has not identified any issues at this time.

Section 7.5 Intergovernmental Cooperation Goals/Objectives/Policies

A. Goals

1. Encourage cooperation between local units of government to ensure efficient delivery of services.

B. Objectives

1. Develop efforts that result in the preservation and restoration of natural resources.
2. Share services across municipal borders whenever possible.
3. Protect public green space and water resources.
4. Participate in an area-wide transportation planning approach.
5. Communicate with surrounding municipalities for discussion of Land Use and other related Issues.

6. The Village should continue to work with the City of Stevens Point on their many agreements and continue to find cooperative ways to impact each other.

C. Policies

1. Encourage an implementation update with the City of Stevens Point on shared services.
2. Take an active role in the Urban Area transportation plan.
3. Maintain existing intergovernmental cooperation with surrounding municipalities.
4. Explore additional opportunities for intergovernmental and other agreement opportunities.