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Dear Editor:

Please print the following public notice in the Inter County Leader newspaper the weeks of January 21st and 28th, 2026.

Please use 30-point heading, 2 columns wide, 8 point news text, single space and NO space between paragraphs OR AS NECESSARY – Thank-you!

PUBLIC NOTICE

On February 4, 2026, the Polk County Environmental Services Committee will hold consecutive public hearings beginning at 9:30 am at the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake, WI, to solicit comments on the proposed amendments to the Polk County Code of Ordinances regarding shoreland protection and subdivision provisions.

The proposed shoreland amendments include updating the current ordinance to align with the DNR model ordinance language which includes removing language that exempts town's with their own zoning from certain general provisions. The addition of definitions and boathouse requirements are to provide clarity to the public regarding permittable structures. Amending the sideyard and rear setbacks to be consistent throughout the unincorporated areas of Polk County and adding additional mitigation options to provide property owners with more ways to improve their lakefront properties.

The subdivision amendments include revisions to the definitions, survey exemptions, survey required, minimum lot size requirements, and clarification on the process for variances to the subdivision ordinance.

A copy of the existing and the proposed ordinance amendments along with a map of the properties affected are accessible in the office of County Clerk, 100 Polk County Plaza Suite 110, Balsam Lake, WI 54810 and on the County website at: <https://www.polkcountywi.gov>. All interested parties have a right to either support or oppose the request(s) by appearing in person at time of hearing or by writing a letter to the Land Information Department, 100 Polk County Plaza, Suite 130, Balsam Lake, WI 54810.