

**Public Safety Committee**

**Wednesday, November 10,  
2021**

**6:30 PM**

**McFarland Municipal Center  
Community Room**

**AGENDA**

You are invited to this meeting through a Zoom webinar. The public is strongly encouraged to watch and participate in these meetings remotely through either the webinar or telephone options listed below.

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.
  - a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Public Safety Committee. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the board may do so using the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform. You may state your name, address, and provide your comments to the board for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the board should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to [cassandra.suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:cassandra.suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us) to be included as part of the meeting.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
  - a. Approve the minutes from the 10.13.21 Public Safety Committee meeting.
4. BUSINESS.
  - a. Staff Reports
    - 1) Fire and Rescue Department
    - 2) Police Department
  - b. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Ordinance #2021-11: an ordinance to amend the zoning code and related code provisions regarding the requirements for a vision triangle at corner lots.
5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT.

This meeting notice constitutes an official meeting of the above referenced group and was posted in accordance with all applicable laws related to Open Meetings Law. It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice. Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals. For additional information or to request this service, contact the McFarland Municipal Center at (608) 838-3153 or [cassandra.suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:cassandra.suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us)

**\*\*Original email from resident Judy Sauer with Staff Responses below in red\*\***

**From:** judy sauer <[heyjude@write.me](mailto:heyjude@write.me)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:38 AM

**To:** Matt Schuenke <[Matt.Schuenke@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:Matt.Schuenke@mcfarland.wi.us)>

**Subject:** Re: Vision Triangles

Good Morning, Matt. Thanks for keeping me informed of the code change process. I hope to be able to listen in on the meeting tonight. Below are a few thoughts that you can share with the committee. Again, thank you for moving the stop sign and stop line at the corner. It helps drivers know how far forward they need to stop for a clear view at this non-standard intersection.

Judy Sauer

Comments on ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE AND RELATED CODE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A VISION TRIANGLE AT CORNER LOTS

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Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the proposed ordinance changes. These are general comments since we were only given one day to review. **STAFF RESPONSE: Note, the draft changes will be on tonight Public Works meeting, tomorrow's Public Safety meeting, Monday Nov. 15th Plan Commission meeting (public hearing) and the December 20<sup>th</sup> Plan Commission meeting, before going to the Village Board in January. So, there is time to provide additional comments.**

The definition of the vision triangle in Section 62-4(156) looks good and greatly clarifies what a vision triangle is and how to determine it.

However, some of the wording of the remaining changes is still somewhat unclear and confusing, with what looks like some contradictions among ordinances. Below are a few examples.

In Section 62-169. – Vision clearance, the proposed change says, "...No structure, screening, vegetation or embankment of any kind shall be erected, placed, maintained or grown between the heights of three feet and ten feet above the adjacent curb level, or its equivalent if no curb is present, within a vision triangle." That is clear and makes sense but in Section 59-59(c)(2) it says "No natural landscaping shall be higher than three feet above the adjacent curb, or its equivalent if no curb is present, within a vision clearance triangle, defined in Section 62-4(169) except as provided in Section 59-59(c)(1)". It seems the first ordinance change would allow a tree with all branches trimmed between 3-10 feet where the second ordinance change would not allow any tree higher than 3 feet. **STAFF RESPONSE: "Natural landscape" is a defined term under Sec. 59-59(b) that does not include trees. Sec. 59-59(b) "Natural landscape includes wild plants native to Wisconsin and similar ornamental plantings designed, purposely cultivated and managed to exceed eight inches in height, but shall not include woody plants such as trees**

*and shrubs. Natural landscapes further shall not include lawn-grasses in excess of eight inches in height or noxious weeds or grasses identified in Section 20-25 of the Municipal Code.”*

In Section 62-169. – Vision clearance, it would be helpful to cite the code for the definition of what “natural landscaping” is (Section 59-59(b)). **STAFF RESPONSE:** I’ll discuss with the Village Attorney. Probably wouldn’t define it in Section 62-169 but could include a definition in Sec. 62-4 where the rest of the Zoning Code definitions are found.

In Section 59-27(a). It says “Trees and shrubbery obstructing view at intersection or view of traffic signs, is amended to read as follows: (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, no person shall maintain, plant or permit to remain on any private or public premises situated at the intersection of two or more streets or alleys in the Village any hedge, tree, shrub or other growth that may obstruct the view of the operator of any motor vehicle or pedestrian approaching such intersection.” It is not clear how this differs from Section 62-4(156) other than it applies to the whole village not just vision triangles. Is the redundancy necessary to make different codes understandable? It actually seems more confusing to have the similar but slightly different code in different places. **STAFF RESPONSE:** A key distinction is that there could be a view of a traffic sign that is obstructed by vegetation that is not located within the vision triangle. That could be a mid-block traffic sign or vegetation outside the vision triangle that blocks the view of a traffic sign at the corner for an approaching vehicle.

In Section 59-27(d) the time frame of 10 days for responding to an order to remove vegetation is too short. Many people go on 2 or more weeks of vacation and could come back to find their vegetation removed and a bill from the Village without even knowing that they were in violation. Older residents may have to hire someone to remove vegetation and it could take longer than 10 days to get a contractor to come and do the work. At the least, a certified letter should be sent ensuring the owner is aware of the problem before action is taken. **STAFF RESPONSE:** To clarify, the proposed ordinance would not change the current 10 day requirement. However, to your larger point, we can discuss whether an adjustment to the timeframe is desired.

There also should be an appeal process for a “vegetation removal order” for the owner to follow before any action is taken. At least the owner would have the chance to ask questions and understand what their responsibility is before action is taken. **STAFF RESPONSE:** There is an existing appeal process under [Sec. 59-32](#). There is no proposed changes to this section so it does not appear in Ordinance 2021-11.

It would be helpful to define what “vegetation or other obstruction is so great as to require immediate mitigation” that the Village does not have to give notice to the owner and can take immediate action. Again, the owner should be given the opportunity to know what the problem is and correct it rather

than the Village just coming in, doing the work, and then charging the owner for it. This power seems like it ignores personal property rights and could be abused. **STAFF RESPONSE:** Another item I can discuss with the Village Attorney; however, likely some staff discretion is necessary here. I think an example where immediate action might be necessary is a downed tree that is blocking view of the of a sign.

In Section 59-27(e). This section seems to be worded oddly and could be clearer. Who decides on what the penalty is? From Section 1-16 it sounds like it is a judicial process? **STAFF RESPONSE:** The provision under Sec. 1-16 are set by the Village Board.

In Section 59-59(c)(2) seems to be in conflict with the other ordinances above. This ordinance states that no vegetation over 3 feet is allowed, where the other ordinances state no vegetation can obstruct vision within 3-10 feet. This ordinance seems like it wouldn't allow trees while the others would allow trees as long as there was no visual obstruction between 3-10 feet. **STAFF RESPONSE:** Refer to my comment above about the definition of natural landscape.

A couple of other random thoughts regarding safety at intersections. We have regularly seen cars parked very close to corners obstructing the view at intersections. This seems to be a real safety issue. Shouldn't "No parking here to corner" signs be erected or the curbs be painted yellow at the corners to prevent parking too close to intersections? **STAFF RESPONSE:** Many of the curbs in the Village are painted yellow for this purpose. There may be some that aren't or the painting has worn away. The use of signs is generally limited to higher traffic or commercial areas. I'll defer to Public Works for this item.

Also of concern is that the ordinances be implemented equally and fairly among all village corner owners. We were told that enforcement of vision triangles was only done if someone complains about it. If this is truly a safety issue, which it is, then it should be enforced systematically and fairly by the Village among all village corner owners. **STAFF RESPONSE:** Concerns regarding vision triangle obstructions can arise from resident calls but they do also arise directly from Village staff in the course of performing job duties.

A final comment. What would be very helpful would be an administrative summary clearly stating in plain understandable English what the proposed changes are and how it will affect the citizens living on corner lots in the Village. It took us more than 2 hours of looking up Code to understand what is being proposed. Most citizens don't have that sort of time to help improve the Ordinances under which we live. Hope these comments help improve the ordinance changes. Thanks again for the opportunity to comment. **STAFF RESPONSE:** Please refer to the staff report in the [meeting packet](#) for tonight's meeting.

**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2021 at 11:38 AM  
**From:** "Matt Schuenke" <[Matt.Schuenke@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:Matt.Schuenke@mcfarland.wi.us)>  
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**Subject:** Vision Triangles

Good morning,

I wanted to share with you that the changes to the code for Vision Triangles have been distributed to the Public Works and Public Safety Committee for review. The Public Works Committee is meeting jointly with the Public Utilities Committee on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm via Zoom. The Public Safety Committee is meeting on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm also via Zoom. In both meetings we will be introducing the code changes for feedback. Additionally, a Public Hearing is scheduled with the Plan Commission on November 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm. There are some changes to the Zoning Code that are required. The soonest the Plan Commission can begin the discussion on changes would take place at their meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup> as only the Public Hearing will be addressed in November. Final action by the Village Board at this point is not anticipated until after the first of the year. Just wanted to share with you the various steps in the process to consider these revisions, and below I provided links to the meetings as well as the changes proposed.

[Click on this link to view the proposed code changes.](#)

[Click on this link to view the Agenda/Packet](#) for the November 9<sup>th</sup> Public Works Committee meeting. [Here is the Zoom link](#) for that meeting.

[Click on this link to view the Agenda/Packet](#) for the November 10<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Committee meeting. [Here is the Zoom link](#) for that meeting.

The next agenda for the Plan Commission meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> will be released on Friday this week. However, [here is the Zoom link](#) for that meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Matt

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND  
**Public Safety Committee Minutes**

*Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - 6:30 PM*

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.**

Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 6:32 PM in the Community Room.

Members present: Stephanie Brassington, Shannon Morrison, Dottie Olson, Rich Staley, Edward Wreh

Members not present: Sandy Bakk

Staff Present: Fire Chief Chris Dennis, Police Chief Aaron Chapin

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.**

There were no public appearances.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

*a. Approve the minutes from the 9.8.21 PSC meeting.*

Motion by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, second by Member Shannon Morrison, to approve the minutes from the 9.8.21 PSC meeting. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

**4. BUSINESS.**

*a. Staff Reports*

*1) Fire and Rescue Department*

Fire Chief Dennis presented the Fire Department monthly report.

*2) Police Department*

Police Chief Chapin presented the police department monthly report.

*b. Discussion and participation in a diversity, equity, and inclusion SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis Framework.*

Chairperson Stephanie Brassington introduced Dr. Rainy Briggs and Percy Brown, who have been hired to help the village with the DEI initiatives. Dr. Rainy Briggs and Percy Brown formally introduced themselves to the PSC. They are working with the DEI Committee and are here to support their work on the committee's long term and short term goals.

The members of the PSC introduced themselves and stated their number of years in the community and answered the question of why they are serving on the PSC.

Dr. Briggs presented the six steps to social change: information gathering, education, commitment, discussion/negotiation, direct action, reconciliation, and he also went over definitions of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Led by Dr. Briggs, the committee started an exercise of identifying the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) the village of McFarland faces in terms

of public safety.

- c. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board on emergency notification software for the Village.

Chief Chapin and Chief Dennis gave their opinions on Rave and Civic Ready emergency notification software.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Member Shannon Morrison, to recommend to the Village Board the purchase of Rave Emergency Notification software for the Village. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

**5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.**

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for 11/10/21.

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, second by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tricia Reimer  
Administrative Assistant



## **McFarland Fire & Rescue Department**

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(608) 838-3278 • Fax: (608) 838-3619

**Emergency: 911**

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# **Department Report For October 2021 Activity**

- **General**

- Our offsite Open House that was held on October 3rd was a success. While the turnout didn't meet our previous levels, it surpassed our expectations for being offsite, without food being served, and during the pandemic. We are hoping to have a return to normal next year.
- We visited several preschools and daycares during fire prevention week and provided a similar education to the children as we did in previous years. We didn't have any visits to the Fire & Rescue Station to avoid cross-contamination among the classes and schools. The kindergarten program was similar to 2020, providing electronic formatted education and not in-person visiting due to school restrictions.
- Inspector/Public Education Specialist Mitch Sutter, attended the annual Wisconsin Fire Inspectors conference in Green Bay from October 27th – October 29th. He gained some beneficial information on the difficulty with the Fire Alarm and Signaling code adopted by the State of Wisconsin from 2013 while fire alarm products are meeting a much newer addition of the standard but not permitted in the 2013 edition. The products provide a more robust solution but are limited within the adopted branch. We can permit the products, but the installer will need to comply with the more recent codes.
- Our crews were out on October 31st doing reverse Trick-or-Treating. It was a successful night with keeping an extra set of eyes out in the neighborhoods.
- Our turnout gear workgroup will be chaired by Assistant Chief Tom Reiter and Lieutenant Kyle Koch. They are expected to meet in December once other support service activities decrease for A.C. Reiter.
- We are continuing our follow-up with a resident on campfire and fire pit concerns. The poor weather in October has deterred many fires, and he reported only a few times. Due to the reporting being after, it is difficult

to determine the exact location of the fire to discuss with the individuals that are burning.

- Chief Dennis attended the Wisconsin Fire Chief's Education Association Fall Conference in Fond du Lac. The conference focused on media relations, diversity and inclusion, leadership, customer service, and legal updates. The conference tends to provide excellent training for fire chiefs. The conference looks outside of the fire service for presenters.
- Chief Dennis attended Command and General Staff Training for Local Incident Management Teams from October 26th – October 29th. The training is designed to provide the training needed for a type 3 (regional) incident management team. The stricken community would utilize the incident management team during a disaster or incident beyond the communities' ability to manage. The most recent include the Sun Prairie explosion, civil unrest in 2020, State PPE, and vaccine deployment. A big thank you to the Paid-On-Call officers who covered the On-Call Duty Officer position during the week while Chief Dennis was attending the class. Some of the officers took vacation days from their employers to help cover the openings.

- **Operations**

- Our firefighter staffing workgroup met on October 24th and plans to meet again on November 7th. The group had a great discussion and began focusing on encouraging attendance, but not discouraging individuals. We hope to develop and implement a plan by January 1st.
- We had a significant motor vehicle crash at Highway 51 and Mahoney Road, resulting in one patient being transported via UW MedFlight with life-threatening injuries. We are proud of the performance of our crews during the incident. The patient was extricated within ten minutes of the first arriving fire apparatus. The vehicle had significant damage and was approximately 75 feet off the highway in a pasture. We had two other injuries that were non-life threatening and were transported by Monona EMS and Stoughton EMS.
- We have been delayed on procurement of equipment on the foam trailer as Division Chief Molenaar is leading the effort and has experienced a family emergency that has dramatically reduced his availability. We are hoping to make the purchases in November. We did receive a donation from CHS Inc. (Cenex) of 330 gallons of PFAS

free, biodegradable foam. Our purchase price for the foam is approximately \$13,000.

- We have not seen any recent cases of COVID-19 during medical incidents. We are still taking precautions with using PPE during medical calls.
- We began the training process with the ESO software for scheduling and experienced several concerns with the software. It is being placed on hold with a possible cancelation of the program.

- **Personnel**

- Current Staffing Levels
  - Full-time Fire & Rescue Chief – 1
  - Full-time Administrative Captain – 1 (on light duty)
  - Full-time Fire Inspector/Public Education Specialist – 1
  - Full-time EMTs – 6
  - Full-time Confidential Administrative Assistant – 1 (50%)
  - Paid-On-Call – 48 (9 EMTs (2 on medical leave), 25 Firefighters (3 Active Retired), 6 EMR/Firefighter, & 8 EMT/Firefighters (3 on medical leave))
  - Total Staffing Level – 58
  - Preferred Paid-On-Call staff – 30 EMTs and 45 Firefighters. The current level is down 13 EMTs and 6 firefighters from preferred amounts.
- Administrative Captain Reiter will remain on light duty for some time. His injury was more severe than initially thought. He is expected to be on light duty through the year and possibly a couple of months into 2022.
- The months of November and December will continue to be difficult for staffing the ambulance due to career staff using vacation and the Paid-On-Call staff being low.
- We have two individuals that have completed background for Paid-On-Call EMTs. Three others are expected to begin background the second week of November.
- We had two individuals that submitted letters of interest in the Acting Officer Role. We will be conducting a review and interview on November 4, 2021.
- We have received an indication from Jeremy Olson that he will be resigning from the Department in November. He was recently married and moved to Madison.

- We are working on a recruitment drive for this winter to have new members begin in early 2022, hopefully.
- **Budget**
  - With the donated tote of PFAS foam, we are just short of filling the foam tender by 60 gallons. The Terminal Coop is working on donating an additional 60 gallons.
  - The overtime account is projected to be within budget, but we may exceed the account with the amount of vacation being scheduled and low Paid-On-Call staffing.
  - The Paid-On-Call EMT account has returned to a projection to be within budget, and with the reduced staff levels, the account should trend below budget by the end of the year.
  - The State did release the Funding Assistance Program for EMS, and we completed our application. The program is planned to provide \$5,000 in funding.
  - The fuel and vehicle maintenance accounts will exceed the budget amounts for the year. Each is trending to be around \$3,000 over.
  - Overall, the Fire & Rescue budget is expected to have fewer expenditures than budgeted due to the vacancies experienced with career EMT staff.

| <b><u>Inspection/Prevention Activity</u></b> | <b><u>Completed</u></b> | <b><u>Year to Date Total</u></b> |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Building Inspections                         | 114                     | 438                              |
| Fire Code Violations Identified              | 11                      | 88                               |
| Re-inspections Completed                     | 11                      | 31                               |
| Corrections Noted                            | 12                      | 41                               |
| Building Plan Reviews                        | 0                       | 14                               |
| Development Reviews                          | 1                       | 13                               |
| Acceptance Test/site visits                  | 0                       | 28                               |
| Fire Drills                                  | 1                       | 1                                |
| AHA-CPR Classes                              | 0                       | 21                               |
| AHA Attendance Total                         | 0                       | 90                               |
| Public Education                             | 17                      | 20                               |
| Public Education Attendance                  | 557                     | 568                              |
| Home Prevention Installations                | 0                       | 1                                |

## **Apparatus & Equipment**

- We have received and tested the replacement 2 ½" hose for the year. It has been placed into service.
- 2015 Tanker (Tender 6) had the right brake/taillight fail and replaced by the Village Mechanic.
- 2019 Pumper (Engine 2) we are still working on a replacement plan for the electronic valve controller that has a defect with the screen.
- 2005 Pumper (Engine 1) the deluge valve is failing and requires repair. We reviewed past repairs, it is likely to fail again before the truck is replaced, and possibly that repair would fail too. We have determined it is best to upgrade the valve for cost savings in the remaining life of the truck.
- 2012 Command Car (Car 1) had the fuse blocks for the batteries melt and several lights have failed. We will be sending the truck to a local vendor for repair.
- The new utility truck has arrived in Wisconsin, and during the trip, the power steering pump began making noise. Ford repaired the pump under warranty. We will be performing our inspection on the truck on Tuesday, 11/9. Assuming it passes our inspection, we should be taking delivery that day. It is scheduled to have radio equipment installed on Tuesday, 11/16. We will be placing into service reasonably quick.
- The replacement aerial is progressing. The current projected completion would be in April of 2022.

## Runs by Dispatch Reason - MFR

| Incident Complaint Reported By Dispatch (eDispatch.01) | Number of Runs | Percent of Total Runs |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Assault                                                | 1              | 1.43%                 |
| Automated Crash Notification                           | 1              | 1.43%                 |
| Breathing Problem                                      | 4              | 5.71%                 |
| Carbon Monoxide/Hazmat/Inhalation/CBRN                 | 1              | 1.43%                 |
| Cardiac Arrest/Death                                   | 2              | 2.86%                 |
| Chest Pain (Non-Traumatic)                             | 2              | 2.86%                 |
| Convulsions/Seizure                                    | 2              | 2.86%                 |
| Diabetic Problem                                       | 1              | 1.43%                 |
| Falls                                                  | 9              | 12.86%                |
| Fire                                                   | 3              | 4.29%                 |
| Headache                                               | 1              | 1.43%                 |
| Heart Problems/AICD                                    | 2              | 2.86%                 |
| Hemorrhage/Laceration                                  | 2              | 2.86%                 |
| Overdose/Poisoning/Ingestion                           | 1              | 1.43%                 |
| Psychiatric Problem/Abnormal Behavior/Suicide Attempt  | 4              | 5.71%                 |
| Sick Person                                            | 10             | 14.29%                |
| Standby                                                | 1              | 1.43%                 |
| Stroke/CVA                                             | 2              | 2.86%                 |
| Traffic/Transportation Incident                        | 4              | 5.71%                 |
| Transfer/Interfacility/Palliative Care                 | 4              | 5.71%                 |
| Unconscious/Fainting/Near-Fainting                     | 11             | 15.71%                |
| Unknown Problem/Person Down                            | 1              | 1.43%                 |
| Well Person Check                                      | 1              | 1.43%                 |
| Total: 70                                              |                | Total: 100.00%        |

## Report Filters

Incident Date: is between '10/1/2021' and '10/31/2021'

**\*\*Note report is based on patient care reports. Incidents with multiple patients will cause additional runs. Total incidents will be less than total runs indicated on this report.**

## Runs by Dispatch Reason - MFR

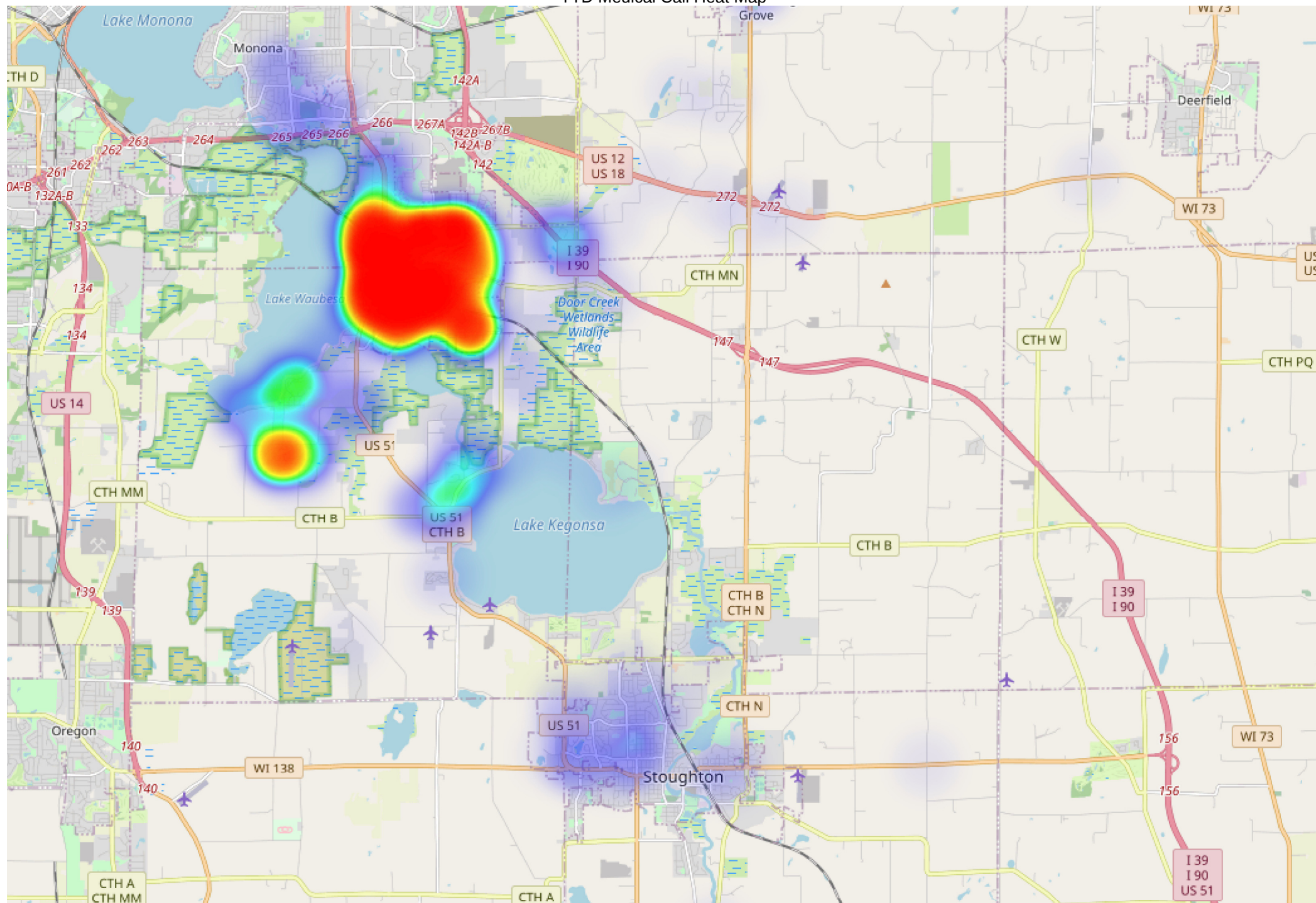
| Incident Complaint Reported By Dispatch (eDispatch.01) | Number of Runs | Percent of Total Runs |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
|                                                        | 1              | 0.13%                 |
| Abdominal Pain/Problems                                | 9              | 1.16%                 |
| Allergic Reaction/Stings                               | 1              | 0.13%                 |
| Assault                                                | 8              | 1.03%                 |
| Automated Crash Notification                           | 7              | 0.90%                 |
| Back Pain (Non-Traumatic)                              | 12             | 1.54%                 |
| Breathing Problem                                      | 51             | 6.55%                 |
| Burns/Explosion                                        | 2              | 0.26%                 |
| Carbon Monoxide/Hazmat/Inhalation/CBRN                 | 13             | 1.67%                 |
| Cardiac Arrest/Death                                   | 16             | 2.05%                 |
| Chest Pain (Non-Traumatic)                             | 44             | 5.65%                 |
| Choking                                                | 8              | 1.03%                 |
| Convulsions/Seizure                                    | 21             | 2.70%                 |
| Diabetic Problem                                       | 15             | 1.93%                 |
| Electrocution/Lightning                                | 1              | 0.13%                 |
| Falls                                                  | 138            | 17.72%                |
| Fire                                                   | 69             | 8.86%                 |
| Headache                                               | 4              | 0.51%                 |
| Heart Problems/AICD                                    | 12             | 1.54%                 |
| Heat/Cold Exposure                                     | 2              | 0.26%                 |
| Hemorrhage/Laceration                                  | 27             | 3.47%                 |
| No Other Appropriate Choice                            | 8              | 1.03%                 |
| Overdose/Poisoning/Ingestion                           | 9              | 1.16%                 |
| Pregnancy/Childbirth/Miscarriage                       | 1              | 0.13%                 |
| Psychiatric Problem/Abnormal Behavior/Suicide Attempt  | 11             | 1.41%                 |
| Sick Person                                            | 118            | 15.15%                |
| Stab/Gunshot Wound/Penetrating Trauma                  | 1              | 0.13%                 |
| Standby                                                | 12             | 1.54%                 |
| Stroke/CVA                                             | 13             | 1.67%                 |
| Traffic/Transportation Incident                        | 30             | 3.85%                 |
| Transfer/Interfacility/Palliative Care                 | 12             | 1.54%                 |
| Traumatic Injury                                       | 13             | 1.67%                 |
| Unconscious/Fainting/Near-Fainting                     | 82             | 10.53%                |
| Unknown Problem/Person Down                            | 7              | 0.90%                 |
| Well Person Check                                      | 1              | 0.13%                 |
| <b>Total: 779</b>                                      |                | <b>Total: 100.00%</b> |

## Report Filters

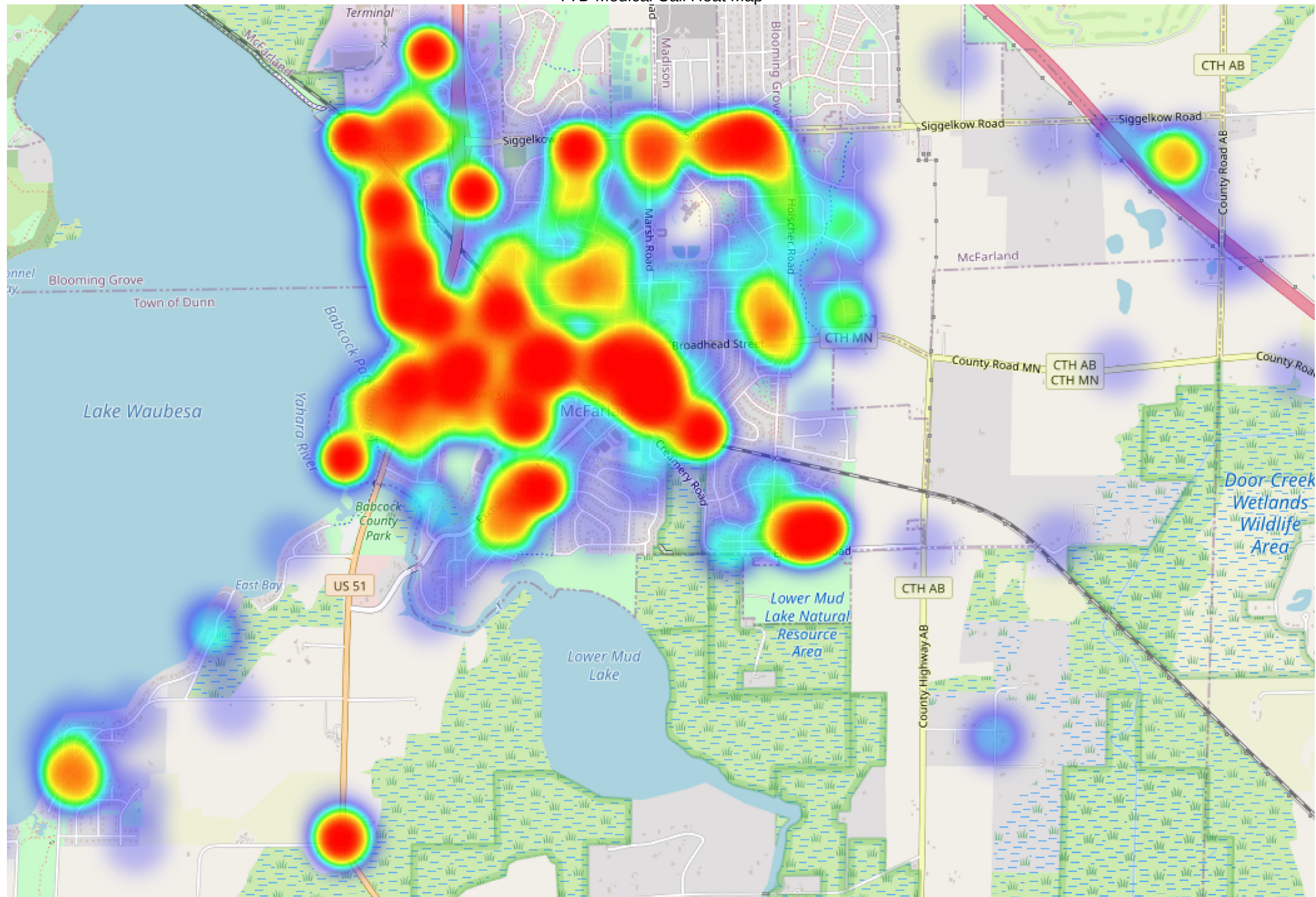
Incident Date: is between '01/01/2021' and '10/31/2021'

**\*\*Note report is based on patient care reports. Incidents with multiple patients will cause additional runs. Total incidents will be less than total runs indicated on this report.**

YTD Medical Call Heat Map



YTD Medical Call Heat Map



**McFarland Fire & Rescue - Fire Incidents**  
Alarm Date between 2021-10-01 and 2021-10-31

| <b>Incident Type Details</b>                           | <b>2021</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew                  | 8           | <b>8</b>     |
| 320 - Emergency medical service incident, other        | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries             | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.         | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle            | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator       | 2           | <b>2</b>     |
| 412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                    | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 421 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)               | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 444 - Power line down                                  | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup                | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 531 - Smoke or odor removal                            | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 611 - Dispatched & canceled en route                   | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 6111 - Cancelled En Route - Auto Aid Fire              | 4           | <b>4</b>     |
| 6113 - Cancelled En Route - Mutual Aid                 | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke                       | 1           | <b>1</b>     |
| 736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction        | 2           | <b>2</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>                                           | <b>29</b>   | <b>29</b>    |

## McFarland Fire & Rescue - Fire Incidents

2021 YTD

| Incident Type Details                                  | 2021 | Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| 111 - Building fire                                    | 12   | 12    |
| 113 - Cooking fire, confined to container              | 1    | 1     |
| 131 - Passenger vehicle fire                           | 1    | 1     |
| 132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire           | 1    | 1     |
| 141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire                   | 3    | 3     |
| 143 - Grass fire                                       | 2    | 2     |
| 154 - Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire  | 2    | 2     |
| 160 - Special outside fire, other                      | 1    | 1     |
| 311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew                  | 79   | 79    |
| 320 - Emergency medical service incident, other        | 1    | 1     |
| 321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury | 16   | 16    |
| 322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries             | 9    | 9     |
| 324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.         | 5    | 5     |
| 331 - Lock-in (if lock out , use 511 )                 | 3    | 3     |
| 341 - Search for person on land                        | 1    | 1     |
| 352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle            | 4    | 4     |
| 353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator       | 2    | 2     |
| 362 - Ice rescue                                       | 1    | 1     |
| 365 - Watercraft rescue                                | 3    | 3     |
| 411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill         | 2    | 2     |
| 412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                    | 8    | 8     |
| 420 - Toxic condition, other                           | 1    | 1     |
| 421 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)               | 2    | 2     |
| 422 - Chemical spill or leak                           | 2    | 2     |
| 424 - Carbon monoxide incident                         | 2    | 2     |
| 440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other       | 2    | 2     |
| 442 - Overheated motor                                 | 2    | 2     |
| 444 - Power line down                                  | 3    | 3     |
| 445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment             | 2    | 2     |
| 462 - Aircraft standby                                 | 1    | 1     |
| 463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup                | 3    | 3     |
| 500 - Service Call, other                              | 1    | 1     |
| 511 - Lock-out                                         | 1    | 1     |
| 522 - Water or steam leak                              | 1    | 1     |
| 531 - Smoke or odor removal                            | 3    | 3     |
| 542 - Animal rescue                                    | 1    | 1     |
| 551 - Assist police or other governmental agency       | 1    | 1     |
| 553 - Public service                                   | 1    | 1     |
| 561 - Unauthorized burning                             | 4    | 4     |
| 571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup                | 1    | 1     |
| 611 - Dispatched & canceled en route                   | 5    | 5     |
| 6111 - Cancelled En Route - Auto Aid Fire              | 9    | 9     |
| 6111 - Dispatched and Unable to Locate Call            | 4    | 4     |
| 6112 - Dispatch Error                                  | 2    | 2     |
| 6113 - CANCELLED MUTUAL AID - EMS                      | 6    | 6     |
| 6113 - Cancelled En Route - Mutual Aid                 | 14   | 14    |
| 622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address | 1    | 1     |
| 631 - Authorized controlled burning                    | 1    | 1     |
| 651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke                       | 2    | 2     |
| 652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke    | 1    | 1     |

## McFarland Fire & Rescue - Fire Incidents

2021 YTD

| Incident Type Details                                    | 2021       | Total      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 653 - Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle                    | 1          | 1          |
| 671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat           | 2          | 2          |
| 714 - Central station, malicious false alarm             | 2          | 2          |
| 715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm          | 1          | 1          |
| 731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction            | 1          | 1          |
| 733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction       | 7          | 7          |
| 735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction            | 1          | 1          |
| 736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction          | 5          | 5          |
| 741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional      | 2          | 2          |
| 743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional | 10         | 10         |
| 744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional       | 5          | 5          |
| 745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional   | 7          | 7          |
| 746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO         | 6          | 6          |
| 813 - Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment           | 1          | 1          |
| 900 - Special type of incident, other                    | 1          | 1          |
| 911 - Citizen complaint                                  | 1          | 1          |
| <b>Total</b>                                             | <b>289</b> | <b>289</b> |

# McFarland Police Department



## October 2021 Monthly Report

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## **McFarland Police Department**

### **Calls for Service**

The Department had 567 calls for service in October 2021 compared to 495 in 2020.

### **Cases of Interest:**

10/6/2021 – Officers conducted a traffic stop for erratic driving. The driver was attempting to provide false identification. The driver was ultimately identified and had five outstanding warrants from Iowa. The driver also displayed signs of impairment. After completing field sobriety testing the driver was arrested for Operating While Under the Influence 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense. Officers conducted a search of the vehicle locating numerous prescription medications and heroin.

10/18/2021 – An officer located a vehicle parked on the roadway. The license plate of the vehicle was reported stolen, and the VIN number check returned that the vehicle was reported stolen from out of state. Officers recovered the vehicle and made arrangements for the property to be returned to the owners.

10/20/2021 – Officers assisted other agencies with a pursuit of a stolen vehicle. The driver abandoned the vehicle near Stoughton and fled into a corn field. A McFarland Officer utilized the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) to search the corn field. The driver was located by the UAS operator and taken into custody.

10/30/2021 – An officer located an occupied vehicle stopped in traffic. The officer contacted the driver. After an investigation the driver was suspected of being under the influence and had two children in the vehicle. The driver was ultimately arrested for Operating While Under the Influence with Passenger Under 16. The driver submitted to a breath test, resulting in 0.23, nearly three times the legal limit.

### **Staffing Report**

The Department is currently back to full staffing levels with the hiring of three police officers that started in August 2021. Two of the officers have completed field training and are on solo patrol. The Field Training Program is a 14-week training program. The Village Board approved the transfer of the

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Patrol Investigator Assignment to a permanent Detective position. That promotional process was completed in October and Joshua Barnier was promoted from Patrol Investigator to Detective.

## **Training Report**

Staffing levels have made additional training for officers to attend difficult. Staff are continuing with normal in-service trainings as scheduled and additional training opportunities will increase as staff levels return for patrol coverage.

- Officer Lovdal attended pursuit refresher at Waukesha Technical College.
- Lt. Job completed Northwestern University Staff & Command College.
- Chief Chapin is attending International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) hosted by Dane County Sheriff's Office, DeForest Police Department, and Sun Prairie Police Department.

## **Officer Complaints/Compliments**

**Officer Complaints** – Officer complaints can be submitted using the online procedure found on the Departments web page or also by calling the Police Department and asking to talk to a supervisor.

- A citizen notified the organization they felt they were followed by a police officer but did not want a formal complaint. Attempts were made to contact this individual for more details into the incident, no responses received back.

**Officer Compliments** - Officer compliments can be submitted using the online form found on the Departments web page, by submitting an email to the Department, or by calling the Police Department and asking to talk to a supervisor.

- No Compliments were received in October 2021.

## **Use of Force Incidents**

The Department wishes to operate in a more transparent way so a section on Use of Force Incidents will be added to the monthly report. The Department categorizes a reportable Use of Force Incident as anytime a firearm or ECD is used or displayed, or any other force is used that is at or above a compliance hold as outlined in the Intervention Options issued by the State standards.

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All reportable Use of Force Incidents are reviewed by a supervisor which consists of reading reports and watching body camera or squad video of the incident. The supervisor is checking for compliance with policy, training, and acceptable standards issued by the State. If a problem is identified, the officer could be disciplined, counseled, and/or mandatory re-training will be ordered. The department had no use of force incidents in October 2021.



## Incident Analysis Report Summary By Incident Type

McFarland Police Department  
Official Case Report  
**Do Not Re-Release**

Print Date/Time: 11/05/2021 08:17  
Login ID: mcjdj  
Incident Type: All  
Call Source: All

From Date: 10/01/2021 00:00  
To Date: 10/31/2021 23:59

McFarland Police Department  
ORI Number: WI0137300

Officer ID: All  
Location: All

| Incident Type                | Number of Incidents |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 911 Abandoned Call           | 9                   |
| 911 Call Playing w/Telephone | 2                   |
| 911 Call Question            | 1                   |
| 911 Call Silent              | 10                  |
| 911 Call Unintentional       | 12                  |
| 911 Disconnect               | 3                   |
| Accident Hit and Run         | 5                   |
| Accident Mv/Deer             | 1                   |
| Accident Private Property    | 2                   |
| Accident Property Damage     | 5                   |
| Accident w/Injuries          | 1                   |
| Adult Arrested Person        | 2                   |
| Alarm                        | 5                   |
| Animal Bite                  | 1                   |
| Animal Complaint/Disturbance | 3                   |
| Animal Found                 | 2                   |
| Animal Stray                 | 5                   |
| Annoying/Obscene Phone Call  | 1                   |
| Assist Citizen               | 43                  |
| Assist EMS/Fire              | 44                  |
| Assist Police                | 18                  |
| ATL Person                   | 2                   |
| Battery                      | 1                   |
| Burglary Residential         | 2                   |
| Check Person                 | 26                  |
| Check Property               | 97                  |
| Civil Dispute                | 1                   |
| Damage to Property           | 4                   |
| Damage to Property Graffiti  | 2                   |
| Disturbance                  | 4                   |
| Domestic Disturbance         | 2                   |
| Drug Incident/Investigation  | 1                   |
| Follow-Up                    | 4                   |
| Foot Patrol                  | 5                   |
| Fraud                        | 7                   |
| Information                  | 21                  |
| Intoxicated Person           | 1                   |
| Juvenile Arrest              | 5                   |

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| Incident Type                   | Number of Incidents |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Juvenile Complaint              | 4                   |
| Missing Juvenile/Runaway        | 1                   |
| Noise Complaint                 | 1                   |
| OMVWI Arrest/Intoxicated Driver | 7                   |
| Parking Complaint On Street     | 8                   |
| Phone                           | 9                   |
| PNB/AED Response                | 2                   |
| Preserve the Peace              | 3                   |
| Property Found                  | 8                   |
| Recovered/Stolen Outside Agency | 1                   |
| Safety Hazard                   | 15                  |
| Sex Offense Miscellaneous       | 1                   |
| Sexual Assault                  | 1                   |
| Silent Case Number              | 1                   |
| Special Event                   | 1                   |
| Stolen Auto                     | 1                   |
| Suspicious Person               | 2                   |
| Suspicious Vehicle              | 18                  |
| Theft                           | 5                   |
| Theft from Auto                 | 1                   |
| Threats Complaint               | 2                   |
| Traffic Complaint/Investigation | 12                  |
| Traffic Stop                    | 101                 |
| Trespass                        | 2                   |
| <b>Total:</b>                   | <b>587</b>          |



**McFarland**  
**SUMMARY SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021

**SECTION:** Business

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**CONTACT:** Jim Hessling, Public Works Director, Andrew Bremer, Comm & Eco Dev Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Ordinance #2021-11: an ordinance to amend the zoning code and related code provisions regarding the requirements for a vision triangle at corner lots.

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

None.

**ISSUE SUMMARY:**

The packet includes a copy of Ordinance 2021-11 that addresses several revisions to the Municipal Code of Ordinances related to vegetation in vision triangles and public right-of-way.

Staff has provided a tracked changes version of the Ordinance to better illustrate how each of the applicable codes would change. The need for this ordinance amendment arose from a recent complaint of an obstruction within the right-of-way that limited vision on a corner lot. In the course of addressing this matter, Village staff recognized some deficiencies within the existing Municipal Code of Ordinances that were problematic or could be adjusted for best practice. For example:

1. Section 62-169 and Section 59-27(c) currently state: *On a corner lot, no structure, screening or embankment of any kind shall be erected, placed, maintained or grown between the heights of three feet and ten feet above the curb level or its equivalent within the triangular space formed by two intersecting **street lines** or their projections and the line joining points on such street lines located a minimum of 25 feet from the street intersection in order to provide adequate vehicular vision clearance.* The term "street lines" is not a defined term in the Municipal Code. This could be interpreted as the edge of the curb/street pavement or a property line, lot line, or right-of-way line. If the intent is to mean the "property line", "lot line", or "right-of-way line" the use of any of these defined lines can be problematic for two reasons:
  - a. Accurately finding the location of these lines within the field likely requires a survey of the property, at a cost to either the property owner or the Village, whereas measuring from the intersection of curbs/edge of pavement can be more easily accommodated by Village staff and the property owner without the need for a professional surveyor.
  - b. The location of these property lines is not uniform across every corner lot within the Village in relation to the location of the curb/edge of roadway,



location of stop bars, etc. Therefore, at some intersections, the vision triangle, if measured at the lot line, could be for an area that is behind the stop bar or not significantly within the drivers expected field of view. The packet includes an image of a corner lot to help illustrate this point.

2. In terms of additional changes to how the vision triangle is measured, the proposed Ordinance would provide a tiered system based on the functional classification of the roadway (alley, local, or collector/arterial). This change recognizes that roadways that have higher volumes of traffic, or typically might experience vehicles at higher speeds, could benefit from a wider vision triangle.

The essential purpose of Ordinance 2021-11 is to provide a better process for designing and measuring a vision triangle so that when it needs to be enforced there is less ambiguity than under the current ordinance. The proposed Ordinance was drafted by the Village Attorney with input from Village staff. Given the changes impact multiple portions of the Municipal Code, several committees will review and provide a recommendation to the Village Board. The review process includes:

1. November 9, 2021, Joint Public Works and Public Utilities Committee recommendation
2. November 10, 2021, Public Safety Committee recommendation
3. November 15, 2021, Public Hearing with Plan Commission
4. December 20, 2021, Plan Commission recommendation
5. January 10, 2022, Village Board adoption

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:**

None.

**VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:**

None.

**ORDINANCE REFERENCE:**

Section 62-4 (156)

Section 62-169

Section 59-27

Section 59-59

**BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance 2021-11 Vision Triangle Redline 10-27-21
2. Vision Triangle Ordinance Redline Accepted 10-27-21
3. Sample Intersection Image

## ORDINANCE 2021-11

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE AND RELATED CODE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A VISION TRIANGLE AT CORNER LOTS

Purpose: To amend the Zoning Code and related Code provisions to revise the requirements that a vision triangle be maintained at corner lots.

Sponsor: Community & Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer

Recommended Referral: Plan Commission (Required)

Public Hearing: Required; Preceded by Class 2 Notice

**WHEREAS**, the Zoning Code requires that a vision triangle be maintained for traffic safety purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the current regulations regarding vision triangles are in need of clarification; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board finds that amending the Zoning Code and related provisions of the Code with respect to vision triangles is in the public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Village Board of the Village of McFarland, does ordain as follows:

1. Section 62-4(156) is amended to read as follows:

(156) *Vision ~~clearance~~triangle. An unoccupied triangular space at the street corner of a corner lot that is bounded by the street lines and a setback line connecting points specified by measurement from the corner on each street line.*

A vision triangle is the triangular area located at the street corner formed by connecting the point of intersection of the curbs of the intersecting streets, or the point of intersection of the asphalt edges of the streets if no curb is present, with two other points located a distance away from the point of intersection along the line of the intersecting curb, or the asphalt edge of the street if no curb is present.

On collector and arterial streets (as defined under Section 56-139(e), and as determined by the Village Engineer), the distance away from the point of intersection to the point along that collector or arterial street is 35 feet. For all other public and private streets, the distance away from the point of intersection to the point along that street is 30 feet.

For alleys, a vision triangle is the triangular area formed by connecting the point of intersection of the side edge of the alley and the street curb, or asphalt edge of the street if no curb is present, to a point along the line of the intersecting street curb, or the asphalt edge of the street if no curb is present, 25 feet away from the point of intersection, and to another point 15 feet away from the point of intersection along the side edge of the alley.

2. Section 62-169. – Vision clearance, is amended to reflect the following:

~~On a corner lot, n~~No structure, screening, vegetation or embankment of any kind shall be erected, placed, maintained or grown between the heights of three feet and ten feet above the adjacent curb, level or its equivalent if no curb is present, within ~~the a vision triangle. ular space formed by two intersecting street lines or their projections and the line joining points on such street lines located a minimum of 25 feet from the street intersection in order to provide adequate vehicular vision clearance~~ This prohibition does not apply to mailboxes, natural landscaping permitted adjacent to mailboxes under Section 59-59(c)(1), Village approved street trees, traffic and other government signs, and government utilities. This section is not a limitation on the Village's authority to prohibit and regulate any other visual obstruction to a street or alley, which regulations include, but are not limited to, those provisions set forth under Section 59-27.

3. Section 59-27.- Trees and shrubbery obstructing view at intersection or view of traffic signs, is amended to read as follows:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, no person shall maintain, plant or permit to remain on any private or public premises situated at the intersection of two or more streets or alleys in the Village any hedge, tree, shrub or other growth that may obstruct the view of the operator of any motor vehicle or pedestrian approaching such intersection. These restrictions apply to all areas in the Village, including those areas outside of a vision triangle, as defined in Section 62-4(156).
- (b) It is unlawful for any person to plant, cause to grow, allow to grow or maintain any trees, bushes, shrubbery or vegetation of any kind that is an obstruction to the clear and complete vision of any traffic sign or driveway approach to a street in the Village. It shall be the duty of every owner of such tree, bush, shrubbery or vegetation to remove such obstruction.
- (c) ~~In the case of corner lots, n~~No vegetation shall be ~~grown or permitted to grow~~ between the heights of three feet and ten feet above the adjacent curb, level or its equivalent if no curb is present, within ~~the a vision triangle, as defined in Section 62-4(156), unless otherwise authorized by the Village. ular space formed by two intersecting street lines or their projections and the line joining points on such street lines located a minimum of 25 feet from the street intersection in order to provide adequate vehicular vision clearance.~~

(d) If the Village Forester determines that a property, or property owner, is not in compliance with this Section, then the Village Forester may, by written notice, order the owner or occupant of the property, or other responsible person, to remove or trim the tree, shrub, or other vegetation, and to take such other action to comply with this Section. If such owner or occupant fails, within ten days of posting or mailing of the notice, to comply with the order, then the Village Forester and/or Director of Public Works may order Village employees to trim the vegetation or otherwise remove the obstruction. The cost of trimming vegetation and removing the obstruction shall be levied and collected as a special charge upon the property pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0627. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Village Forester determines that the vegetation or other obstruction is so great as to require immediate mitigation, no notice is required and the Village may take immediate action to mitigate the hazard and levy a special charge upon the property for the cost of such action.

~~Any shrub, tree or other plant that obstructs the view at an intersection or the view of a traffic sign shall be deemed to be dangerous to public travel and the Village Forester may order, by written notice, the owner or occupant of any private place or premises on which there stands a tree or shrub that unreasonably interferes with or encroaches upon the street or sidewalk, to take such steps as are necessary to remove such interference. If such owner or occupant fails, within ten days of receipt of notice, to take such necessary steps, the Village Forester and/or Director of Public Works shall order Village employees to remove the interference. The cost of removing the interference shall be levied and collected as a special charge upon the property pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0627 upon which or in front of which such tree or shrub stands.~~

~~(d)~~(e) Any person who is an owner, occupant, firm or corporation failing to obey the written notice of the Village Forester as specified in Subsection (d) of this Section shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a forfeiture as established in Section 1-16.

4. Section 59-59(c)(2) is amended to read as follows:

No natural landscaping shall be higher than three feet in height or higher is prohibited above the adjacent curb, or its equivalent if no curb is present, within the a vision clearance areatriangle, set forth defined in Section 62-169 Section 62-4(169) except as provided in Section 59-59(c)(1). of the Municipal Code.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the McFarland Village Board on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

APPROVED:

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Carolyn Clow, Village President

ATTEST:

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Cassandra Suettinger, Village Clerk-  
Treasurer

| ORDINANCE 2021 – 11         |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| MOTION                      | SECOND      |
|                             |             |
| ACTION                      | DATE        |
| Adopted                     |             |
| Referred                    |             |
| Tabled                      |             |
| Withdrawn                   |             |
| Defeated                    |             |
| Published                   |             |
| INDIVIDUAL VOTING<br>RECORD |             |
| Clow -                      | Wreh -      |
| Brassington -               | Flaherty -  |
| Nelson -                    | St. Clair - |
| Rupert -                    |             |
| VOTING RESULTS              |             |
| Motion Carried              |             |
| Motion Defeated:            |             |

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(156) *Vision triangle.*

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On collector and arterial streets (as defined under Section 56-139(e), and as determined by the Village Engineer), the distance away from the point of intersection to the point along that collector or arterial street is 35 feet. For all other public and private streets, the distance away from the point of intersection to the point along that street is 30 feet.

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2. Section 62-169. – Vision clearance, is amended to reflect the following:

No structure, screening, vegetation or embankment of any kind shall be erected, placed, maintained or grown between the heights of three feet and ten feet above the adjacent curb, or its equivalent if no curb is present, within a vision triangle. This prohibition does not apply to mailboxes, natural landscaping permitted adjacent to mailboxes under Section 59-59(c)(1), Village approved street trees, traffic and other government signs, and government utilities. This section is not a limitation on the Village's authority to prohibit and regulate any other visual obstruction to a street or alley, which regulations include, but are not limited to, those provisions set forth under Section 59-27.

3. Section 59-27.- Trees and shrubbery obstructing view at intersection or view of traffic signs, is amended to read as follows:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, no person shall maintain, plant or permit to remain on any private or public premises situated at the intersection of two or more streets or alleys in the Village any hedge, tree, shrub or other growth that may obstruct the view of the operator of any motor vehicle or pedestrian approaching such intersection. These restrictions apply to all areas in the Village, including those areas outside of a vision triangle, as defined in Section 62-4(156).
- (b) It is unlawful for any person to plant, cause to grow, allow to grow or maintain any trees, bushes, shrubbery or vegetation of any kind that is an obstruction to the clear and complete vision of any traffic sign or driveway approach to a street in the Village. It shall be the duty of every owner of such tree, bush, shrubbery or vegetation to remove such obstruction.
- (c) No vegetation shall be between the heights of three feet and ten feet above the adjacent curb, or its equivalent if no curb is present, within a vision triangle, as defined in Section 62-4(156), unless otherwise authorized by the Village.
- (d) If the Village Forester determines that a property, or property owner, is not in compliance with this Section, then the Village Forester may, by written notice, order the owner or occupant of the property, or other responsible person, to remove or trim the tree, shrub, or other vegetation, and to take such other action to comply with this Section. If such owner or occupant fails, within ten days of posting or mailing of the notice, to comply with the order, then the Village Forester and/or Director of Public Works may order Village

employees to trim the vegetation or otherwise remove the obstruction. The cost of trimming vegetation and removing the obstruction shall be levied and collected as a special charge upon the property pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0627. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Village Forester determines that the vegetation or other obstruction is so great as to require immediate mitigation, no notice is required and the Village may take immediate action to mitigate the hazard and levy a special charge upon the property for the cost of such action.

- (e) Any person who is an owner, occupant, firm or corporation failing to obey the written notice of the Village Forester as specified in Subsection (d) of this Section shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a forfeiture as established in Section 1-16.

4. Section 59-59(c)(2) is amended to read as follows:

No natural landscaping shall be higher than three feet above the adjacent curb, or its equivalent if no curb is present, within a vision triangle, defined in Section 62-4(169) except as provided in Section 59-59(c)(1).

The above and foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the McFarland Village Board on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

APPROVED:

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Carolyn Clow, Village President

ATTEST:

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Cassandra Suettinger, Village Clerk-Treasurer

| ORDINANCE 2021 –11       |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| MOTION                   | SECOND      |
|                          |             |
| ACTION                   | DATE        |
| Adopted                  |             |
| Referred                 |             |
| Tabled                   |             |
| Withdrawn                |             |
| Defeated                 |             |
| Published                |             |
| INDIVIDUAL VOTING RECORD |             |
| Clow -                   | Wreh -      |
| Brassington -            | Flaherty -  |
| Nelson -                 | St. Clair - |
| Rupert -                 |             |
| VOTING RESULTS           |             |
| Motion Carried           |             |
| Motion Defeated:         |             |

