

RESOLUTION # 72-18

RESOLUTION TO CREATE BROADBAND FORWARD! COMMUNITY  
ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, broadband access is increasingly important to our economy, education and daily life, and

WHEREAS, the state as a whole—citizens, governments, providers, schools and businesses—have an interest in expanding broadband access and usage in underserved areas of the state, and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) has been authorized to certify communities as being “broadband ready” by issuing a Broadband Forward! Certification that signals a local unit of government has taken steps to reduce obstacles to broadband infrastructure investment, and

WHEREAS, under Wis. Stat. § 196.504(4) a city, village town or county may apply to the Commission for certification as a Broadband Forward! Community, and

WHEREAS, by adopting the Broadband Forward! Community Model Ordinance, which meets the meets the statutory criteria in Wis. Stat. § 196.504(5), Washburn County will be eligible for Broadband Forward! Certification, and

WHEREAS, by obtaining the Broadband Forward! Certification it ensures that Washburn County has streamlined its administrative procedures by appointing a single point of contact for all matters relating to a broadband network project, will adhere to a timely approval process, will charge only reasonable fees for reviewing applications and issuing permits, will impose only reasonable conditions on a permit and will not discriminate between telecommunications service providers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washburn County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Broadband Forward! Community Model Ordinance as attached.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown

Approved by the Washburn County Board of Supervisors on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2018

Motion: D. Masterjohn Second: Wilson

(Voice) (Roll)-vote: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas Mackie  
Thomas Mackie, County Board Chair

I, Lolita Olson, as County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the County of Washburn at the meeting held on: 8-21-18

Lolita Olson