TOWN OF PLUM LAKE

STATE OF WISCONSIN VILAS COUNTY

Ordinance 2024-002

Logging Industry Road Destruction Ordinance

SECTION I: TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Plum Lake Road Destruction Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate any persons from obstruction or damaging town roads or road rights-of-way in the process of hauling of raw forest products and overweight equipment, to avoid damage and repair of roadways in the Town of Plum Lake and to provide safety to the citizens commuting on town roads. Overweight equipment is defined as any vehicles with a weight in excess of four (4) tons.

SECTION II: AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Plum Lake, Vilas County, Wisconsin, has specific authority under Ch. 82, Wis. Stats., to care for and supervise all highways under the town's jurisdiction.

SECTION III: CONDITIONS OF ISSUANCE

All persons shall notify the Town Board prior to any logging, hauling of raw forest products and overweight equipment which may cause damage to the town roads in the Town of Plum Lake. The logging company may be responsible for obtaining permits for all trucks that are overweight and/or hauling raw forest products. All logging companies using vehicles that are overweight and/or hauling raw forest product shall obtain approval from the Town of Plum Lake Town Board for the placement of culverts, breaker run, or fill onto town roads.

SECTION IV: VIOLATION

Anyone doing damage to any town roads and/or ditches while in the process of logging, hauling of heavy equipment, construction and/or other activities or services shall be properly notified. The town public works department will make the necessary repairs, or contract to have the work done, and all costs or related bills will be forwarded to the responsible party for collection. The Town may set a bond not to exceed \$5,000, if any entity violating the ordinance wishes to use Town roads again. Bond would be returned if no violations are found.

SECTION V: SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION VI: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective upon its publication and/or posting in the manner set forth in s. 60.80, Wis. Stat.

Adopted this <u>23</u> day of <u>April</u> , 2024. By the Town Board of the Town of Plum Lake, Vilas County:	
Jackey Postuchow, Chair	Jona Eliason, Supervisor II Kim Luhnu
Kevin Rasmussen, Supervisor I	Attest: Town Clerk