

**Town of Somers  
7511 12th Street  
Somers, WI 53171**

**Town Board Meeting  
Agenda  
Tuesday, July 9, 2024  
5:15 pm**

<b>Town Board Meeting:</b>	
<b>Item #</b>	
1	Call to order
2	Pledge of Allegiance
3	Consent and Approval of Minutes of Town Board meetings on June 11, 2024
4	Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Attachment request for property at 3700 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Parcel #80-4-222-133-0160</li><li>b. Rezoning of property at 3700 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Parcel #80-4-222-133-0160</li><li>c. Attachment request for property west of 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South of CTH “S” (Schutz Container Systems Inc.), Parcels #80-4-222-273-0230, 80-222-273-0320, 80-4-222-273-0401 and 80-4-222-273-0406</li></ul>
5	Citizens Comments
6	Chair & Supervisor Comments
7	Action on possible waiving of the first reading of proposed Ordinance 2024-003, an Ordinance to create section 11.14 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Somers Relating to an Opt-Out of any Extension of Hours during the Republican National Convention
8	Action on proposed Ordinance 2024-003, an Ordinance to create section 11.14 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Somers Relating to an Opt-Out of any Extension of Hours during the Republican National Convention
9	Adjourn

I hereby certify that as the designee of the chief elected official of the Town of Somers I posted this notice of the July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Town Board Meeting & Agenda in 3 public places.

Original Post Date: July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

Wendy Burnette, Clerk-Treasurer

Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the Clerk's Office at 262-859-2822 with as much notice as possible. **Notice is hereby given that members of the Town Board may participate telephonically. Notice is hereby given that members of the Village Board may be in attendance for the sole purpose of gathering information. A quorum may be present. However, no Board action will be taken.**

**Town of Somers  
Proceedings from the Town Board Meeting June 11, 2024**

Chairman Mark Molinaro called the meeting to order at 5:16p.m.

Present: Chairman Mark Molinaro, Supervisor Richard Lesko, and Supervisor James Armes. Also present: Administrator Jason Peters, Assistant to the Administrator Kevin Poirier and Clerk/Treasurer Wendy Burnette.

Chairman Mark Molinaro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent and Approval of Minutes of Town Board meetings on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Supervisor Armes moved to approve Town Board meetings on May 14, 2024.

Seconded by Supervisor Lesko. Motion carried. 3-0 vote

**Correspondence**

None

**Citizens Comments**

None

**Chair & Supervisor Comments**

Chairman Molinaro asked about the status of the auditorium. Administrator Peters mentioned painting will start on June 12<sup>th</sup> and the completion should be done by August.

**Public Hearing on Class “B” and Class “B” on Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications for 2024-2025**

Public Hearing on “Class B” and Class “B” Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications for 2024-2025 opened at 5:19pm

No discussion

Public hearing closed at 5:19pm

**Action on “Class B” and Class “B” Renewal Alcohol Beverage License Applications for 2024-2025**

Supervisor Armes moved to approve the “Class B” and Class “B” alcohol license applications for 2024-2025

Seconded by Supervisor Lesko. Motion carried. 3-0 vote.

**Action on Amusement Device License Applications**

Supervisor Armes moved to approve the Amusement Device License Applications Application Renewal List for 2024-2025.

Seconded by Supervisor Lesko. Motion carried. 3-0 vote.

**Action on Cigarette & Tobacco License Applications**

Supervisor Lesko moved to approve Cigarette and Tobacco License Applications Renewal List for 2024-2025.

Seconded by Supervisor Armes. Motion carried. 3-0 vote

**Action on renewal of Mobile Home Park License from Hillcrest (Nelson’s) Mobile Home Park, 3705 27th Street**

Supervisor Lesko moved to approve renewal of Mobile Home Park License from Hillcrest (Nelson’s) Mobile Home Park, 3705 27th Street.

Seconded by Supervisor Armes      Motioned carried. 3-0 vote

**Action on renewal of Mobile Home Park License from Pleasant Prairie Mobile Home Court, 11703 60th Street**

Supervisor Armes moved to deny renewal of Mobile Home Park License from Pleasant Prairie Mobile Home Court, 11703 60th Street

Seconded by Supervisor Lesko

Administrator Peters mentioned that the Building Inspector has given them until July 11, 2024.

Motion carried. 3-0 vote

**Action on application for Special Event Permits for Uke’s Open House on June 22, 2024**

Supervisor Armes moved to approve the Special Event Permit for Ukes Open House on June 22, 2024.

Seconded by Supervisor Lesko. Motion carried. 3-0 vote.

**Action on application for Special Event Permit for Ukes Homecoming Event on July 24-28, 2024**

Supervisor Armes moved to approve the Special Event Permit for Ukes Homecoming Event on July 24-28, 2024.

Seconded by Supervisor Lesko.

Supervisor Lesko questioned why the application stated single day when this event is for 5 days. Chairman Molinaro would like it to state Single Event vs Single Day.

Motion carried. 3-0 vote.

**Action Applications for a Class “B” (Picnic) Beer License and Temp Operators License for the Somers Fire and Rescue Association for Ukes June 22, 2024 Open House and request to waive fees**

Supervisor Armes moved to approve the applications for Temp B and Temp Operators License for the Somers Fire and Rescue Association for Ukes Open House on June 22, 2024, and request to waive fees.

Seconded by Supervisor Lesko. Motion carried. 3-0 vote.

**Action on Applications for Class “B” (Picnic) Beer License for Ukes July 24-28, 2024 Homecoming Event and request to waive fees.**

Supervisor Armes moved to approve the applications for Temp B and Temp Operators Licenses for the Somers Fire and Rescue Association for Ukes Homecoming Event on July 24-28, 2024 and request to waive fees.

Seconded by Supervisor Lesko. Motion carried. 3-0 vote.

**Approval of Operator Licenses: Angela Lasecki, Nico Celebre and Austin Hoecherl and request to waive fees.**

Supervisor Armes moved to approve Operator Licenses: Angela Lasecki, Nico Celebre and Austin Hoecherl

Seconded by Supervisor Armes. Motion carried. 3-0 vote

**Adjourn**

Supervisor Lesko moved to Adjourn at 5:34 pm.

Seconded by Supervisor Armes. Motion carried. 3-0 vote

Drafted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024 by Wendy Burnette, Clerk / Treasurer

These minutes are not official until approved by the Town Board



CITY DEVELOPMENT

May 28, 2024

Wendy Burnette  
Town of Somers - Clerk  
PO Box 197  
Somers, WI 53171

**RE: Attachment request for property at 3700 - 18th Street (Fallon / Huladek)**

Dear Ms. Burnette:

Attached in accordance with the City and Town of Somers of the Cooperative Plan and Agreement is a copy of the owners petition for attachment of property located at 3700 -18th Street, Parcel #80-4-222-133-0160 from the Town of Somers to the City.

The Common Council of the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin, will hold a public hearing and act upon the proposed request as follows:

***Monday, July 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm in Room 200  
Municipal Building, 625 52nd Street, Kenosha***

Please contact me at 262.653.4034 or via email at [rschroeder@kenosha.org](mailto:rschroeder@kenosha.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rich Schroeder  
Deputy Director

RS:llb  
Enclosure



**PETITION FOR ATTACHMENT  
TO THE CITY OF KENOSHA FROM THE TOWN OF SOMERS  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 66.0307; WISCONSIN STATUTES,  
STATE APPROVED COOPERATIVE PLAN**

The undersigned, constituting all of the owners of certain real property within the Town of Somers, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, petition the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin, to Attach the territory described below and shown on the attached scale map to the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, pursuant to the Section 66.0307 Wisconsin Statutes, State Approved Cooperative Plan.

Special Assessments are governed by City Ordinances. See Section 1.155, 2.10 and 32.05 of the Code of General Ordinances.

The current population of the territory to be attached as defined by Section 66.0217(5)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes is 1.

**Fallon/Huladek**  
**3700 18th Street**

Part the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Town 2 North, Range 22 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, lying and being in the Town of Somers, Kenosha County, Wisconsin and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of said Quarter Section, S88°59'55"E 550.00 feet from the southwest corner thereof, which point of beginning is the southeast corner of CAVANAGH COURT SUBDIVISION, a plat of record and on file at the Kenosha County Register of Deeds Office on April 29, 2004, per Document No. 1384726 and per Plat No. 949; thence N01°34'53"W along and upon the east line of said CAVANAGH COURT SUBDIVISION, 544.50 feet and to the southwest corner of LOT 11 of HUNTER'S RIDGE, a plat of record and on file at the Kenosha County Register of Deeds Office on January 14, 1991, per Document No. 858123 and per Plat No. 3270; thence S88°59'55"E along and upon the south lines of LOTS 11, 10, 9, 8 and in part Lot 7 all being along the south line of said HUNTER'S RIDGE, 525.00 feet; thence S01°34'53"E parallel to the east line of the aforesaid CAVANAGH COURT SUBDIVISION, 544.50 feet and to the south line of the aforesaid Southwest Quarter Section; thence N88°59'55"W along and upon said south line, 525.00 feet and to the point of beginning. Containing 6.555 acres, more or less. Subject to a public road over and across the most southerly 33.00 feet thereof.

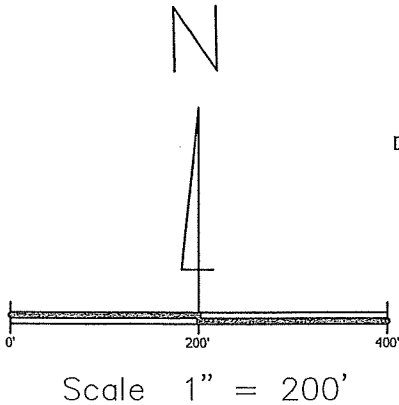
DATE	PRINT NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SIGNATURE
4/8/2024	Deborah FALLON	7943 HWY 183 LODI, WI 53555	608-215- 5459	<i>Deborah Fallon</i>
4-3-2024	KAREN HULADEK	5009 SANBUSE DR NE RIO RANCHO, NM 87144	505- 417-1571	<i>Karen Huladek</i>

**RECEIVED**  
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DEPARTMENT OF  
CITY DEVELOPMENT

CITY OF KENOSHA  
**DISTRICT MAP**  
 ATTACHMENT ORDINANCE

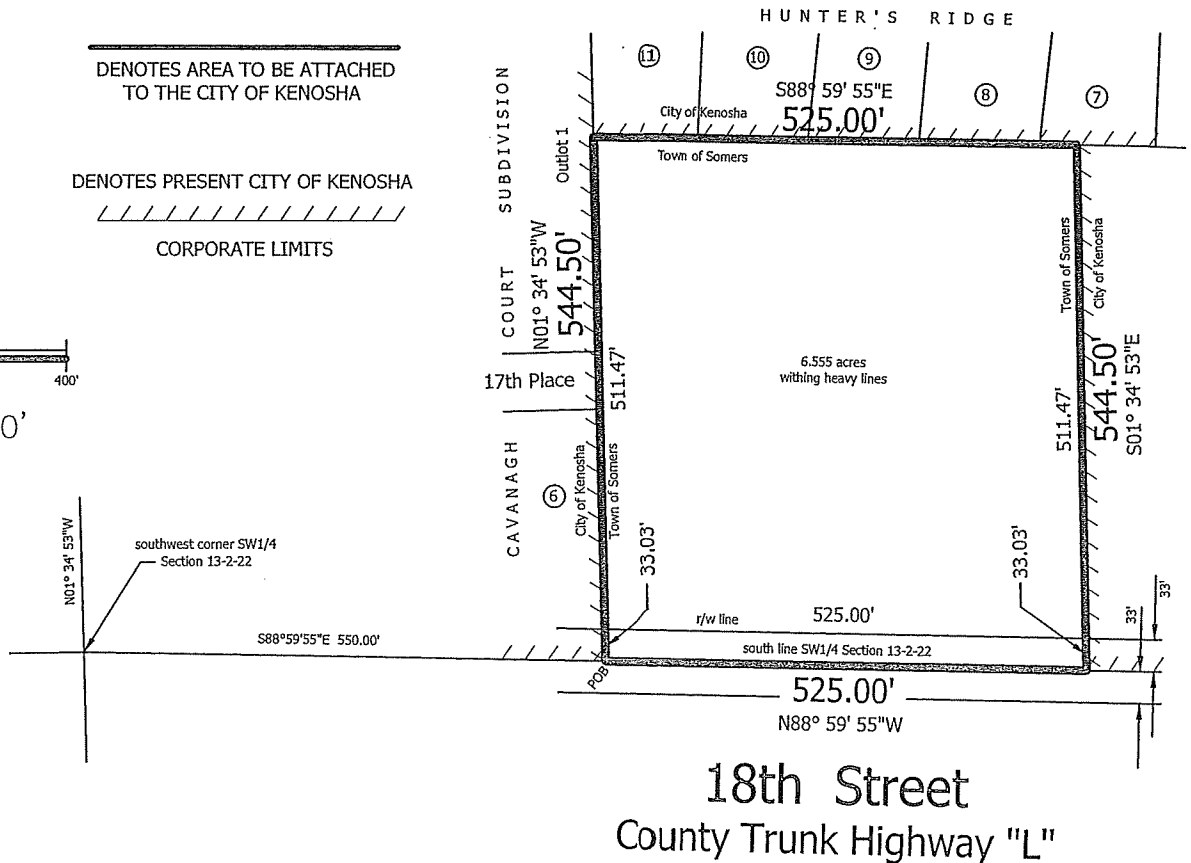
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**FALLON / HULADEK**



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 DENOTES AREA TO BE ATTACHED  
 TO THE CITY OF KENOSHA

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 DENOTES PRESENT CITY OF KENOSHA  
 CORPORATE LIMITS



TAX PARCEL NO. 80-4-222-133-0160

ADDRESS: 3700 - 18th Street

Bearings shown hereon, refer to Wisconsin  
 Plane Coordinate System, South Zone.

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May 24, 2024

Town of Somers  
7511 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
PO Box 197  
Somers, WI 53171

Dear Town of Somers:

**RE: Rezoning of Property at 3700 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Parcel #80-4-222-133-0160**

As a municipality located within one thousand (1,000') feet of a proposed rezoning on property located at 3700 18th Street, Parcel #80-4-222-133-0160, you are being notified of a public hearing to be held as follows:

***City Plan Commission - Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 5:00 pm  
Municipal Building, 625 52nd Street, Kenosha, Room 202***

The proposed rezoning would amend the zoning on the property from *A-2 Agricultural Land Holding District* to *RS-1 Single Family Residential District*. This rezoning is to place the existing single-family home being attached to the City into the appropriate zoning district.

Final action on this request is scheduled as follows:

***Common Council Meeting – Monday, July 1, 2024 at 7:00pm  
Municipal Building, 625 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kenosha, Room 200***

This notification is required under Wisconsin State Statute 62.23(7)(d).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 262.653.4037 or via email at [rgasper@kenosha.org](mailto:rgasper@kenosha.org).

Sincerely,

Rachel Gasper  
Planner

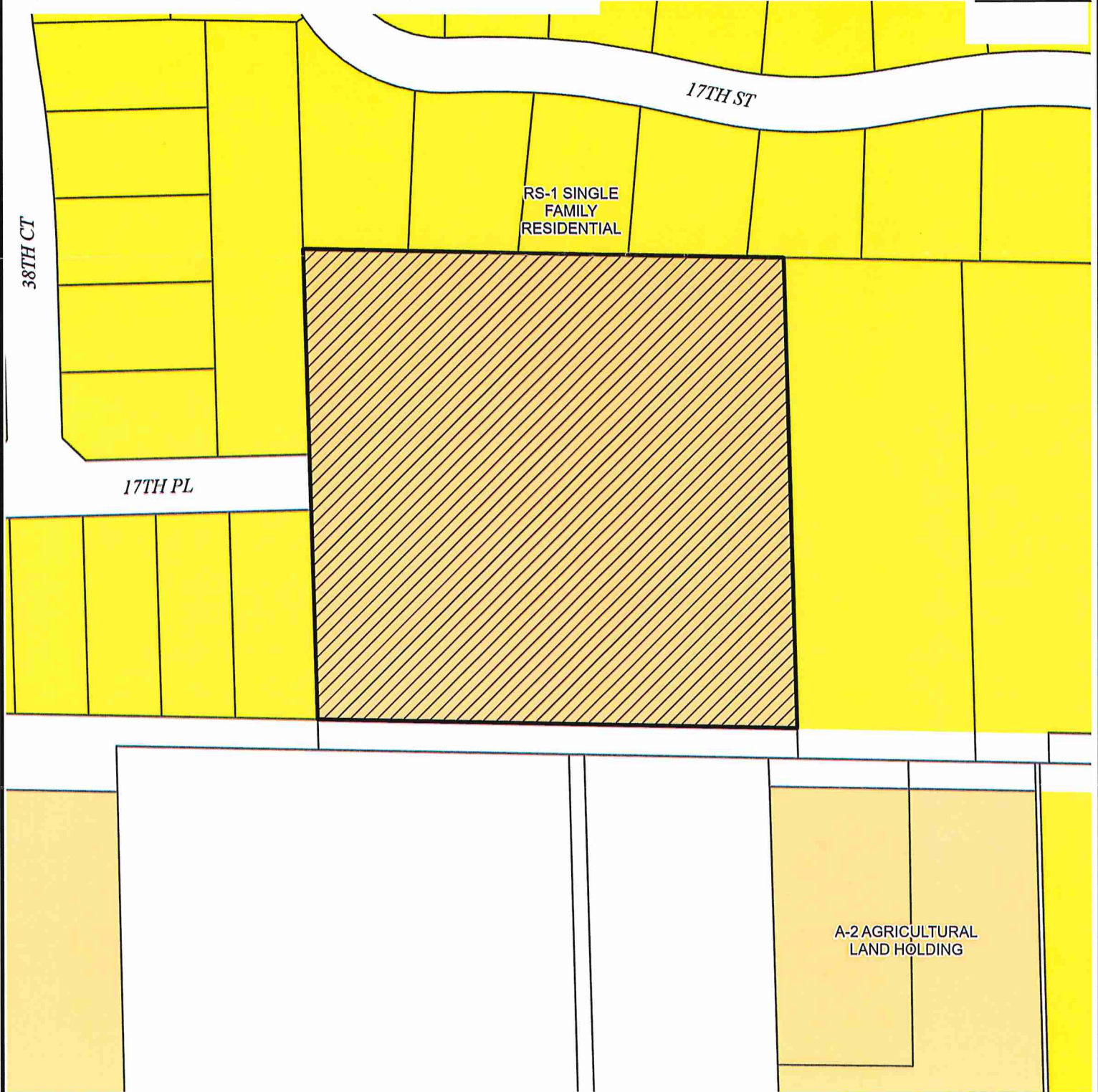
cc: Michelle Nelson, City Clerk's Office

# City of Kenosha


## District Map Rezoning

Supplement No. Z7-24  
Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

City Plan Commission (Fallon/Huladek) petition



**Property requested to be zoned from:**

 **A-2 Agricultural Land Holding to RS-1 Single Family Residential**

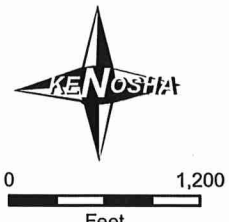


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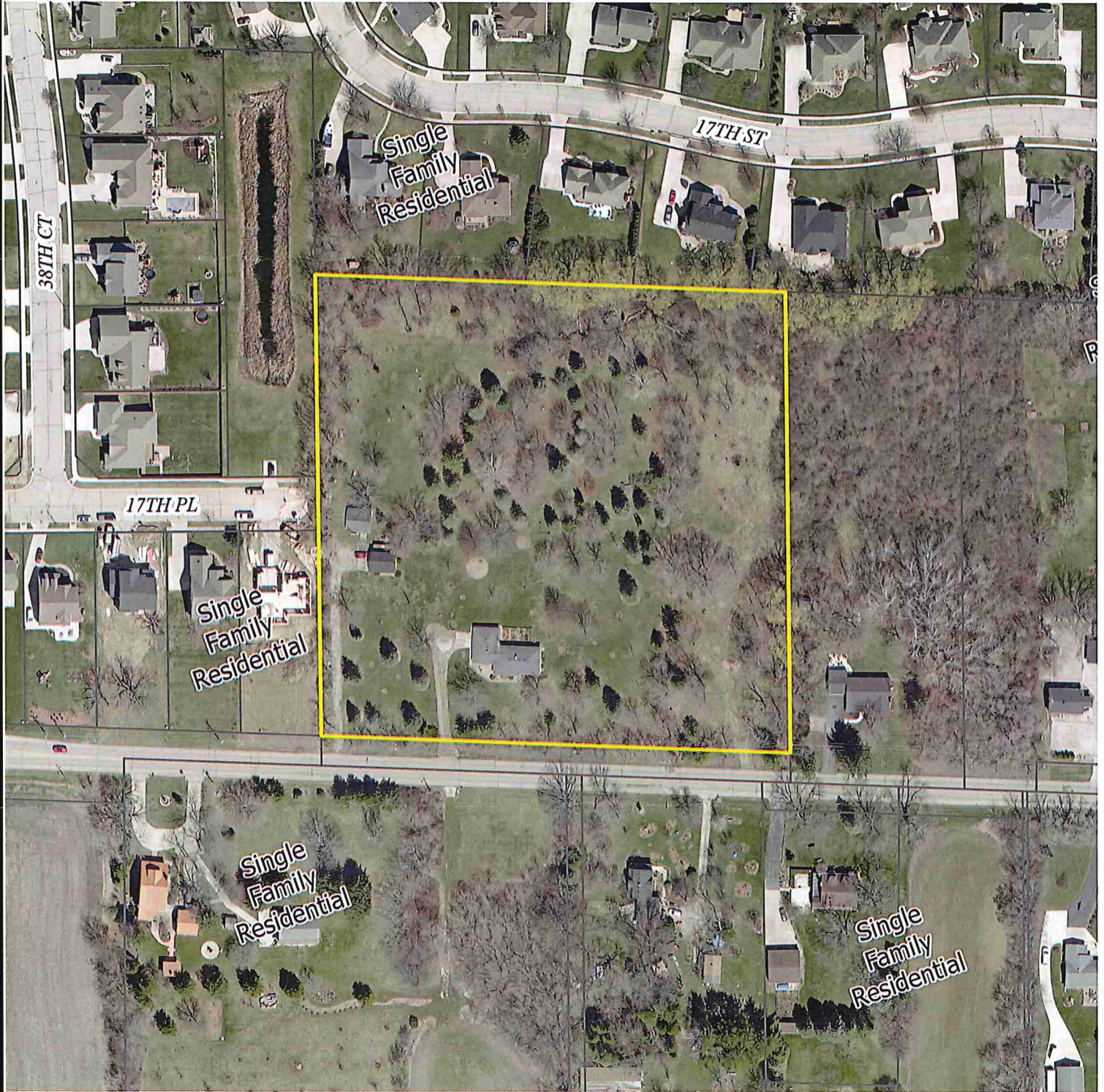
City of Kenosha  
Vicinity Map  
City Plan Commission (Fallon/Huladek) rezoning



# City of Kenosha

## Land Use Map

### City Plan Commission (Fallon/Huladek) Rezoning



 Property petitioned to be rezoned



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CITY DEVELOPMENT

May 28, 2024

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Town of Somers - Clerk  
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***Schutz Container Systems Inc***  
**80-4-222-273-0230, 0320,0401,0406**

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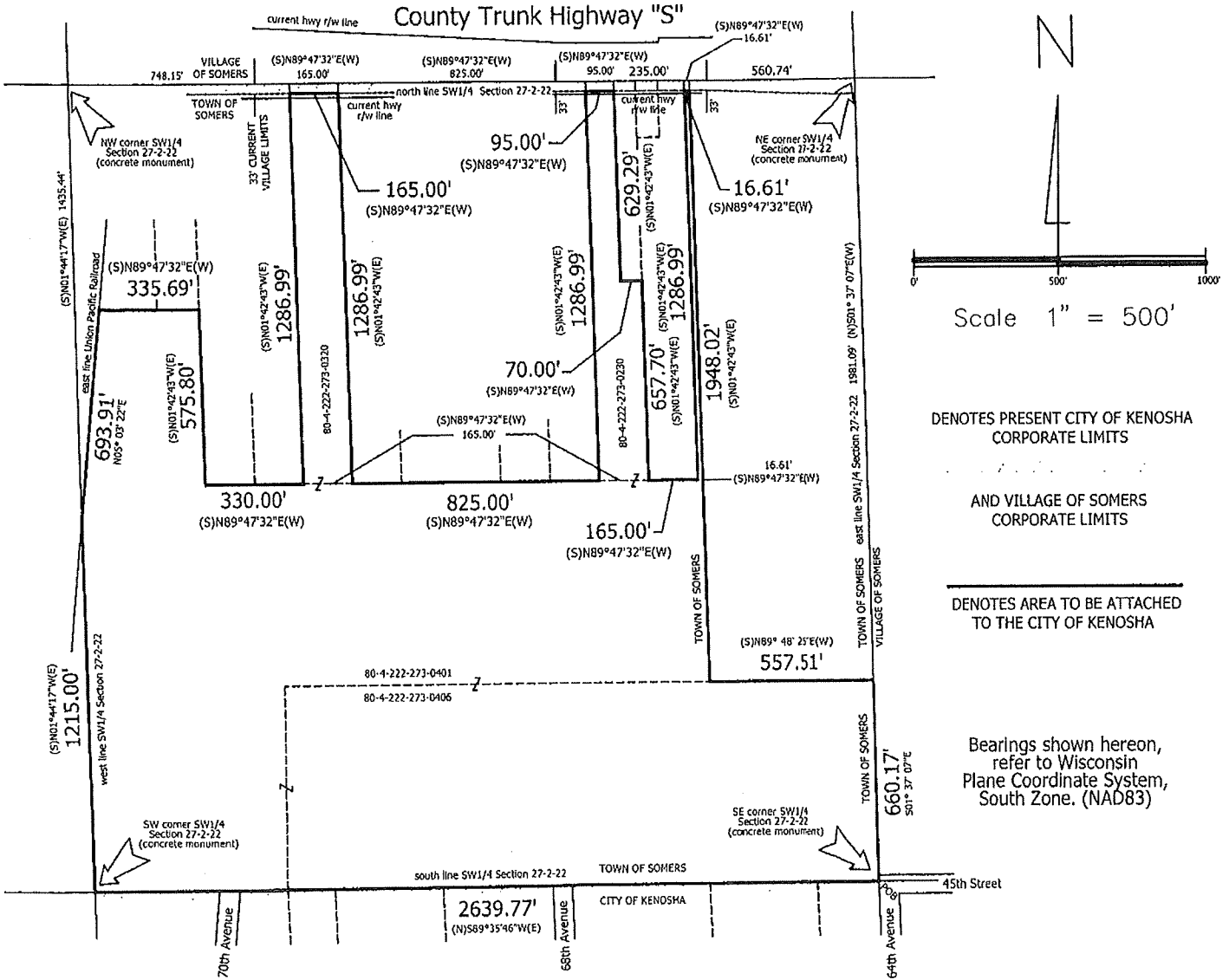
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DATE	PRINT NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SIGNATURE
4/11/2024	Frederik Wenzel PRESIDENT / CEO	200 Aspen Hill Rd North Branch WI 08876	908.526.6161	<i>F. Wenzel</i>

CITY OF KENOSHA  
**DISTRICT MAP**  
 ATTACHMENT ORDINANCE

SUPPLEMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ACCOMPANYING ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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"The above District Map and Legal Description is for annexation purposes only."



**TOWN OF SOMERS  
TOWN BOARD  
MEETING ITEM MEMORANDUM**

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**MEETING DATE:** July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**TO:** Town Chair Molinaro and Town Supervisors

**PREPARED BY:** Jason J. Peters, Administrator

**AGENDA ITEM:** #7 Action on possible waiving of the first reading of proposed Ordinance 2024-003, an Ordinance to create section 11.14 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Somers Relating to an Opt-Out of any Extension of Hours during the Republican National Convention

#8 Action on proposed Ordinance 2024-003, an Ordinance to create section 11.14 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Somers Relating to an Opt-Out of any Extension of Hours during the Republican National Convention

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**BACKGROUND:**

A new state law allows bars in 14 Wisconsin counties to remain open until 4 a.m. during the Republican National Convention taking place mid-July in Milwaukee. The state act allows cities, villages and towns in the eligible counties to opt out of the extension by ordinance.

On June 17, the Kenosha Common Council voted unanimously against extending bar hours during that time after two readings.

**PRIOR ACTION TAKEN:**

The Board discussed whether to opt out of the extended bar hours at our July 2<sup>nd</sup> Work Session. The general consensus was to bring forth an ordinance to opt out. Attorney has drafted said ordinance and it is attached.

**SUGGESTED ACTION/ACTION REQUESTED/COMMENTS:**

The Ordinance will need to be introduced at the Board Meeting and the Board shall decide whether to take further action on July 9<sup>th</sup>. In order for this ordinance to take effect

before the RNC, the Board would need to waive the first reading and take action on July 9<sup>th</sup>. If Board wishes to do so, a suggested motion to approve would be as follows:

#7

*“Motion to waive first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-003”*

#8

*“Motion to approve proposed Ordinance 2024-003, an Ordinance to create section 11.14 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Somers Relating to an Opt-Out of any Extension of Hours During the Republican National Convention”*

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter dated May 31 from the Wisconsin Restaurant Association, Visit Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-003

To: Municipalities in SE Wisconsin  
Date: May 31, 2024  
Re: Extended Bar Hours for RNC 2024

As you are aware, the Republic National Convention will be held in SE Wisconsin between July 15-18, 2024, hosting upwards of 50,000 guests spread around the entire SE quadrant of our state. This large of a convention is a once in a generation opportunity. It will not only have an immediate and large economic boost to the entire region but will have a lasting impact for many years to come. This convention is also a unique opportunity to showcase our beautiful state and extend our legendary hospitality to many who have never traveled here. We undoubtedly will see an economic impact for many years to come for both business and leisure travel as a result.

Because of the unique nature of this being a prime-time television event, delegates and groups will generally not be able to leave Fiserv Forum until 11 pm or later in the evenings of the event. Once they depart, they need to navigate their way via their bus coaches to their hotels. Not until that point will these guests look to have a nice meal, enjoy a classic Wisconsin cocktail, and wind down from their day. It is because of the RNC's late schedule that the bar time was extended to 4 am for our area to allow for out-of-town guests to enjoy what our state has to offer.

We understand that many municipalities are considering opting out of allowing their local hospitality businesses to capitalize on this opportunity. As you look at what you intend to do in your community, I urge you to reach out to your local hotels that are likely already fully booked with convention attendees who will need the extended hours to be able to fully appreciate local amenities. With the delegates not leaving Fiserv Forum until 11 pm or later, it will be important for hotels and restaurants to have eating and drinking options available to the delegates and other visitors after normal business times.

Here are a few additional points to consider as you consider your options:

- These delegates are being transported by bus and will most likely use alternative modes of transportation other than a car, to enjoy a meal or a glass of wine. Of course, impaired driving is always a consideration for late night parties, but we do not believe that the risk is great from those who are attending the convention.
- If there are no dining or bar options open, these groups are still going to want to eat and wind down after their day and would then turn to private parties in their hotel and purchase food and drinks to carry into the facility. This would harm the hotel and nearby restaurants and bars from capitalizing on this economic opportunity that is literally in their facility or near it.
- Finally, we know from past conventions that once visitors have experienced the area at a convention, business and convention travel to the area in the future increases. And when visitors see the fantastic quality of life that we all enjoy, they may even consider moving to Wisconsin someday.

We fully understand that not all restaurants and bars are located near a convention hotel and most of those that are in this category would likely opt to not extend their hours due to staffing constraints and low opportunity during these extended hours. However, this should not eliminate the opportunity for those businesses that may benefit from this increase in visitors to their area.

Thank you for your consideration and attention. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact any one of us for further information.



Kristine Hillmer  
President & CEO  
Wisconsin Restaurant Association



Peggy Williams-Smith  
President & CEO  
VISIT Milwaukee



Bill Elliott  
President & CEO  
Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-003

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE SECTION 11.14  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF SOMERS  
RELATING TO AN OPT-OUT OF ANY EXTENSION OF HOURS  
DURING THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

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The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Somers, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, as and for an ordinance creating an opt-out of any extension of tavern hours during the Republican National Convention (RNC) hereby creates Section 11.14 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Somers to read as follows:

**11.14 NO EXTENSION OF HOURS FOR RNC**

The Wisconsin Legislature, in response to the RNC meeting in Milwaukee, has passed legislation allowing for taverns to stay open until 4:00 a.m. during the convention unless the local municipality chooses to opt-out of such extension. The Town Board hereby chooses to opt-out of any extension of hours and all licensed premises within the Town of Somers shall be subject to the normal and ordinary rules of Ch. 125, Wis. Stats., and the Town ordinances

Dated at Somers, Wisconsin, this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2024.

TOWN OF SOMERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Molinaro, Jr., Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy Burnette, Clerk/Treasurer