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Glendan K. Rewoldt  
Town of Sumner Deputy Clerk  
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VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: *Central Jefferson County Municipal Court*

Dear Glendan:

Recently, the City Administrator for the City of Jefferson sent your Town Chair a letter with an ordinance to discontinue the Central Jefferson County Municipal Court. If you did not receive that letter, please contact our office and one will be provided.

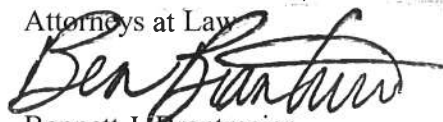
Basically, the City of Jefferson has been unable to reach an agreement with the Village of Johnson Creek to continue providing the due process required for the Central Jefferson County Municipal Court. The City of Jefferson voted on October 21, 2014 to terminate its involvement with the Central Jefferson County Municipal Court. I understand that the Village of Johnson Creek has approached Jefferson County to process all of their citations. The Town of Sumner can do the same, but there would need to be some ordinance modifications, i.e. eliminating those that conflict with Jefferson County and simply adopting the County's.

In any event, the City of Jefferson cannot financially continue to operate the Central Jefferson Municipal Court. As such, the Town of Sumner and Town of Aztalan will need to review and pass the enclosed ordinance. All municipalities must adopt the same ordinance by statute to abolish the joint municipal court. If the Town does not wish to do so, the Town will have to provide its own judge/courtroom/due process for processing the citations.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the enclosed, please call. Otherwise, please put it on for passage at the next Town Board meeting and provide a certified copy of the ordinance once passed to Barbara Frank, the County Clerk.

Very truly yours,

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enc: Ordinance

**TOWN OF SUMNER  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO DISCONTINUE THE CENTRAL JEFFERSON COUNTY  
MUNICIPAL COURT**

The participating municipalities have all adopted an identical ordinance to form the Central Jefferson County Municipal Court and now must adopt this discontinuance of the agreement for a joint municipal court pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 755.01(4).

- Section 1. The City of Jefferson, operating and housing the joint municipal court, has used it historically approximately 76.9% of the time, the Village of Johnson Creek historically 22.6%, the Town of Sumner historically 0.5%, and the Town of Aztalan 0%.
- Section 2. On or about November 13, 2012, the City of Jefferson Common Council passed a resolution which notified the Village of Johnson Creek of the City of Jefferson's intent to disband the Central Jefferson County Municipal Court effective May 1, 2015.
- Section 3. Due to each municipality's budget and ability to pay, the Village of Johnson Creek offered to pay an additional \$6,000 annually for the court, but that amount would not meet the costs borne by the City of Jefferson, who administers and houses the joint municipal court.
- Section 4. The City of Jefferson has calculated the cost of the court at approximately \$100,000 to house and provide the Central Jefferson County Municipal Court. The City of Jefferson financially cannot continue to operate the joint municipal court.
- Section 5. Due to the inability to reach a financial agreement with the Village of Johnson Creek and the City of Jefferson's inability to continue the previously offered financial arrangements with the Village and Towns, be it here adopted by the Common Council of the City of Jefferson, Town Board Supervisors for the Town of Aztalan, and Town of Sumner, and the Village Board for the Village of Johnson Creek, that the Central Jefferson County Municipal Court be discontinued effective May 1, 2015 or at the expiration of the current Municipal Judge, Joann Miller's term.
- Section 6. Let a certified copy of this ordinance be filed with the official filing officer, County Clerk, Barbara Frank, at 311 S. Center Avenue, Jefferson, WI 53549.

Section 7. Each municipality will take measures to amend their existing ordinances to reflect the discontinuance of the Central Jefferson County Municipal Court.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect after passage, publication, and attestation as required by law.