

**CERTIFICATE OF THE CITY CLERK  
Petition for Direct Legislation  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin**

I, Nikki M. Elsen, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin, hereby certify the following:

1. On July 8, 2026, the attached Petition for Direct Legislation requesting that the following ordinance be adopted by the Common Council or be submitted to a vote of the electors of the City of La Crosse was filed with the office of the City Clerk:

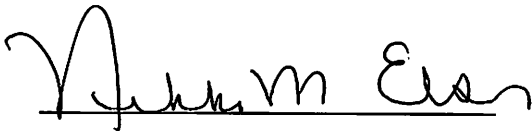
**AN ORDINANCE to create Section 2-422(c)(9) and Sections 2-496 through 2-500 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to the creation of the Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Committee**

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is attached hereto.

2. The petition was examined and determined to be in proper form and sufficient in all respects pursuant to Section 9.20 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
3. Upon examination and verification, 4,503 signatures were determined to be valid.
4. The number of signatures required for certification is 3,297 representing 15 percent of the votes cast for Governor in the City of La Crosse at the November 2022 general election. A total of 21,982 votes were cast for the office of Governor in that election.
5. Accordingly, I hereby certify that the Petition for Direct Legislation is sufficient and shall be submitted to the Common Council at its meeting on August 13, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Nikki M. Elsen  
City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

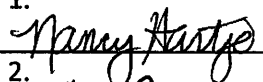
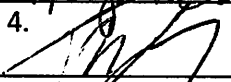
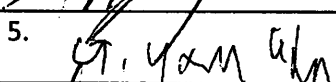
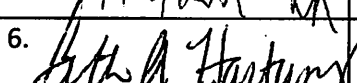
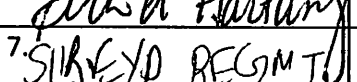
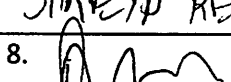
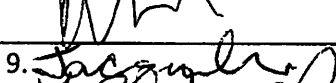
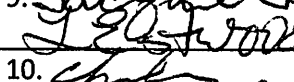


# PETITION FOR DIRECT LEGISLATION

**LA CROSSE**

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector of the city of \_\_\_\_\_, request that the attached proposed ordinance, without alteration, either be adopted by the common council or referred to a vote of the electors pursuant to the provisions of §.9.20, Wis. Stats.

**POST OFFICE ADDRESS WHEN DIFFERENT THAN MUNICIPALITY IS NOT SUFFICIENT. THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE MUST ALWAYS BE LISTED.**

| SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS                                                                 | PRINTED NAME OF ELECTORS | STREET & NUMBER OR RURAL ROUTE<br>Rural address must also include box or fire no. | MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE<br>Indicate City or Village | DATE OF<br>SIGNING |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.     | Nancy Hartje             | 2126 Haeschler Dr                                                                 | LaCrosse                                              | 6/12/26            |
| 2.     | Tyler Grosch             | 1747 Rose st trlr 69                                                              | Lacrosse                                              | 6/12/26            |
| 3.     | Karyn K. Quinn           | 131 23rd St. S.                                                                   | LaCrosse                                              | 6/12/26            |
| 4.     | Theo Motokris-Hauser     | 101 Zeisler st apt 3                                                              | LaCrosse                                              | 6/12/26            |
| 5.     | Taylor Haley             | 1211 5th Ave. S.                                                                  | La Crosse                                             | 6/12/26            |
| 6.     | Beth A Hartung           | 1610 Madison St.                                                                  | La Crosse                                             | 6/12/26            |
| 7.     | SHREYA REGMI             | 1625 Travis St.                                                                   | La Crosse                                             | 6/12/26            |
| 8.     | Jason Neporski           | 2401 32nd st apt 21                                                               | LaCrosse                                              | 6/12/26            |
| 9.    | Jacqueline Eastwood      | 2322 Weston St                                                                    | LaCrosse                                              | 6/12/26            |
| 10.  | Charles Karloska         | 2322 Weston St                                                                    | La Crosse                                             | 6/12/26            |

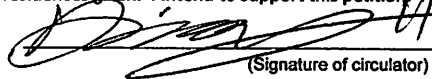
## Certification of Circulator

I, Riley Hammond, certify: I reside at 4775 Van Dyke Road, Brown City, MI  
 (Name of circulator) (Circulator's residence - Include number, street, and municipality)

I further certify I am either a qualified elector of Wisconsin, or a U.S. citizen, age 18 or older who, if I were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under Wis. Stat. § 6.03. I personally circulated this petition for direct legislation and personally obtained each of the signatures on this petition. I know that the signers are electors of the municipality listed above. I know that each person signed the paper with full knowledge of its content on the date indicated opposite his or her name. I know their respective residences given. I intend to support this petition. I am aware that falsifying this certification is punishable under §.12.13(3)(a), Wis. Stats.

6/12/26

(Date)



(Signature of circulator)

**ORDINANCE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE to create Section 2-422(c)(9) and Sections 2-496 through 2-500 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse relating to the creation of the Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Committee.**

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 2-422(c)(9) is created to read:

(9) The Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Committee in accordance with division 4 of this article.

SECTION II: Sections 2-496 through 2-500 are created to read:

**Sec. 2-496. – Purpose and Intent.**

It is hereby declared that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of La Crosse are served by the regular, transparent, and public evaluation of healthcare affordability, accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability. A recurring process for collecting public testimony, reviewing data, and evaluating policy impacts will assist the Common Council of the City of La Crosse and local elected representatives in identifying barriers to healthcare access and in recommending effective responses to such barriers. It is thus the purpose and intent to establish the Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Committee that will prepare a biennial Healthcare Action Plan, make recommendations to the Common Council, and provide a public process through which the opinions of the public will be heard and assessed.

**Sec. 2-497. – Creation, Membership, and Organization.**

- (1) *Creation.* There is hereby created a Citizens' Advisory Healthcare Action Committee (the "Committee"), which shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval by the Common Council, for staggered four-year terms such that not less than three (3) members are appointed in January of each odd-numbered year to commence on the first day of February. No salary or other compensation shall be paid to any member of said Committee for such member's services on the Committee.
- (2) *Membership.* To the extent feasible, the Mayor shall appoint individuals who have the requisite research, analytical, and community engagement skills necessary to execute the powers and duties of the Committee, and who are representative of the diverse interests of City residents, such as healthcare workers, uninsured and underinsured community members, public health professionals, patient advocates, and organized labor. The Mayor

may appoint nonresidents to the Committee, provided that not less than five (5) members of the Committee shall be City residents.

- (3) *Officers.* The Committee shall elect from among its members a Chair and Vice-Chair, and may elect such other officers as it deems necessary. Officers shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members at the first regular meeting of the year. Any vacancy in the office of the Chair, Vice-Chair, or any other officers elected by the Committee shall be filled by majority vote of the Committee at the next regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose. The Chair shall preside at all meetings and promote the purpose, goals, and bylaws of the Committee. The Vice-Chair shall perform the Chair's duties when the Chair is absent or unable to act.
- (4) *Bylaws.* The Committee may adopt bylaws and other rules of procedure governing the conduct of its meetings, the receipt of public comment, the preparation and review of reports and other requested information, and the completion of the Healthcare Action Plan to the extent not inconsistent with this Code and applicable law.
- (5) *Vacancies.* In the event of any vacancy on the Committee, the Mayor shall appoint, subject to approval by the Common Council, an individual to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

#### **Sec. 2-498. – Powers and Duties.**

The Committee shall:

- (1) Conduct research regarding healthcare affordability, accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability affecting City residents, including consulting with healthcare providers, public health professionals, patient advocates, organized labor representatives, and other interested stakeholders.
- (2) Hold at least two public meetings each year for the purpose of (a) hearing firsthand accounts of community members' ability to access and afford primary, emergency, and necessary specialty medical care, and (b) hearing public views on how federal, state, and local policy changes have impacted or may impact healthcare affordability and accessibility.
- (3) Request, review, and compile publicly available data and voluntarily submitted information relevant to assessing the current state of healthcare affordability, accessibility, and service availability.
- (4) Review and evaluate the actual or potential impacts of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, programs, budgets, and policy decisions affecting healthcare affordability,

accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability. As part of such review, the Committee may identify and summarize governmental actions, legislative enactments, regulatory changes, and public policy decisions affecting such matters and assess their relationship to the goals and recommendations set forth in the Healthcare Action Plan.

- (5) Develop a Healthcare Action Plan as provided in Sec. 2-499.
- (6) Advise and provide nonbinding recommendations to the Common Council concerning policies, programs, advocacy positions, or other actions intended to improve healthcare affordability, accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability within the City.
- (7) Perform such other advisory functions related to healthcare access and affordability as may be requested by the Common Council.

#### **Sec. 2-499. – Healthcare Action Plan.**

By September 15 of every even-numbered year, the Committee shall develop and file with the City Clerk a Healthcare Action Plan that contains, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) The current status of healthcare affordability and accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability for City residents, and how such conditions have changed over the prior two years.
- (2) Whether and to what extent federal, state, and local laws, regulations, programs, budgets, policy decisions, and other relevant factors have contributed to changes in healthcare affordability and accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability for City residents.
- (3) Significant federal, state, and local governmental actions and policy developments occurring during the preceding two years, including the legislative and administrative actions associated therewith, and the relationship of such actions and developments to the goals and recommendations contained in the preceding Healthcare Action Plan.
- (4) Recommendations for concrete actions that the City and its federal, state, and local elected officials and staff can take to improve healthcare affordability and accessibility, insurance and benefit coverage, and medical service availability for City residents.

#### **Sec. 2-500. – Publication and Action Plan Meeting.**

Upon receipt from the Committee, the City Clerk shall publish the Committee's final Healthcare Action Plan, recommendations, and all relevant research and findings on the City's website and shall immediately forward such information to the Common Council.

No later than October 15 of every even-numbered year, the Common Council shall allow the Chair and other members of the Committee the opportunity to provide a public overview of the Healthcare Action Plan at a regular meeting of the Council or a special meeting held for that purpose, and to consider adoption of the Healthcare Action Plan.

SECTION III: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION IV: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mayor

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Nikki M. Elsen, City Clerk