

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 61.50 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** signing village contracts.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

2 **SECTION 1.** 61.50 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 61.50 (1) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ORDINANCES. Every contract, conveyance,
4 commission, license or other written instrument shall be executed on the part of the village
5 by the president and clerk, unless otherwise provided by resolution or ordinance, sealed with
6 corporate seal, and in pursuance only of authority therefor from the village board. All
7 ordinances and bylaws shall be signed by the president and countersigned by the clerk; and,
8 if any penalty or forfeiture is thereby imposed, the ordinance or bylaw shall be published either
9 in its entirety, as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, or as a notice, as described under sub. (3) (b),
10 and shall take effect on the day after the publication or a later date if expressly prescribed. If
11 there is no newspaper published in the village, the village board may in lieu of newspaper
12 publication have copies of the ordinances and bylaws posted in at least 3 public places in said
13 village, and proof thereof filed and recorded by the village clerk, and the same shall take effect
14 the day after the proof of posting has been filed and recorded, or at a later date if expressly
15 provided in the ordinance or bylaw.

NOTE: Section 61.50 (1), stats., in part provides that the village president and clerk must sign every village contract, conveyance, commission license, or other written instrument. In contrast, s. 62.13 (12), stats., specifically provides that a city public works contract must be signed by the mayor and clerk, unless otherwise provided by a city resolution or ordinance. This SECTION amends current law to provide that the village president and clerk must sign every village contract,

conveyance, commission license, or other written instrument, unless otherwise provided by a village resolution or ordinance.

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