

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF JEFFERSON
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE**

Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of the City of Jefferson will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the Jefferson City Hall, 317 South Main Street, Jefferson, Wisconsin, June 23, at 4:30 p.m. to hear public comments regarding an ordinance to clarify what types of activities may be allowed in Medium Industrial Zone within the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin.

The proposed Ordinance Amendments include modification of **Article III Land Use Regulations** related to §300-3.14, Indoor food production and processing.

Copies of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments are available at City Hall or on the City of Jefferson's website: <https://jeffersonwis.com/>. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing.

For additional information or to submit a comment, please contact Susan Schmidt at 920-674-7700 or susan@jeffersonwis.com.

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**NOT IN LEGALS
AFFIDAVIT REQUESTED**

**CITY OF JEFFERSON
ORDINANCE NO. ____**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES MAY BE ALLOWED
IN MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL ZONE WITHIN THE CITY OF JEFFERSON, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson (the City) has adopted a zoning code that regulates the type of activities that may be permitted in a given zoning area; and

WHEREAS, a question has arisen whether the production of certain food dairy products is permitted in a Medium Industrial (MI) zone within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to clarify that it is the intent of the City that the production of certain food dairy products are in fact permitted within the City's MI zoning districts.

NOW THEREFORE, the Common Council for the City of Jefferson, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

- 1) §300-3.14(E)(1) is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- 2) §300-3.14(E)(1) shall be replaced as set forth below.

~~Any business whose principal activity is the growing and wholesaling of plants or plant byproducts (not including fruits and vegetables) that are either grown or stored within an enclosed building or structure constructed chiefly of glass or glasslike material, cloth, or other permanent material. This land use also includes the following activities: the seasonal display of plants and related products outdoors; the farming of aquatic plants and animals under controlled conditions utilizing recirculating (closed) system technology; and aquaponics, which is the symbiotic cultivation of plants and aquatic organisms in a recirculating system. On site production of dairy products (including cheese) is permitted provided that the activity is conducted within an enclosed building and no odors are detectable from the property line pursuant to the City's existing ordinance.~~

Any business whose principal activity is the growing, production, or wholesaling of food products that are either grown or stored on-site or shipped to the site for indoor production purposes. This land use also includes the following activities: the seasonal display of plants and related products outdoors; the farming of aquatic plants and animals under controlled conditions utilizing recirculating (closed) system technology; and aquaponics, which is the symbiotic cultivation of plants and aquatic organisms in a recirculating system. This land use does not include Heavy Industrial uses (Section 300.03.14(B)) such as slaughterhouses or other related production uses that may have industrial activities occurring outdoors, the potential to create certain nuisances which are detectable at the property line, or may involve materials which pose a significant safety hazard.

3) §300-3.14(E)(2)(c) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

4) §300-3.14(E)(2)(c) shall be replaced as set forth below.

On-site processing of seafood and food fermentation is permitted; provided the activity is conducted entirely within an enclosed building and no odors are detectable from the property line.

3)5) This ordinance shall be effective on the date after its enactment and publication as required by law.