1 **ORDINANCE NO. 21-2015** 2 3 ORDINANCE REGULATING DISTRIBUTION OF MANURE 4 BY SPRAY IRRIGATION 5 6 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Adams does ordain as follows: 7 8 WHEREAS: The Wisconsin Division of Public Health raises the potential for 9 substantial health concerns resulting from the land application of liquid manure 10 using Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution Systems; and 11 **WHEREAS:** The Adams County Board believes that the regulation of Spray 12 Irrigation Manure Distribution systems is necessary to promote the public health 13 14 and safety of the citizens of the County of Adams, and wishes to take action to 15 that effect pending the adoption of appropriate controls by other governmental 16 authorities. 17 NOW THEREFORE, THE ADAMS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 18 19 **DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:** 20 21 **SECTION 1.** Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the health and safety of Adams County and it is the general intent of this 22 Ordinance to provide for a moratorium on the use of Spray Irrigation Manure 23 24 Distribution Systems within Adams County. If a person desires to move forward 25 with installing such a system, they shall comply with the requirements of Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this Ordinance. 26 27 28 **SECTION 2.** Abrogation and Greater Restrictions. It is not intended by this 29 Ordinance to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair or interfere with any existing easements, covenants, deed restrictions, agreements, ordinances, rules, 30 regulations or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law. However, 31 32 when this Ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this 33 Ordinance shall govern. 34 35 **SECTION 3.** Interpretation. In its interpretation and application, the provisions 36 of this Ordinance shall be liberally constructed in favor of Adams County and shall not be construed to be a limitation or repeal of any other power granted by 37 38

the Wisconsin Statutes except as expressly set forth herein.

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SECTION 4. Definition. "Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution System" means the application of liquid manure or process wastewater to cropland using equipment that discharges manure into the air via a single nozzle or multiple nozzles or hoses and which disperse the manure or process wastewater over distances greater than could be achieved using typical moving vehicle or manure hauling equipment.

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SECTION 5. License Required. No person or entity shall operate a Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution System in Adams County unless such person or entity shall first obtain a license for such operation from Adams County.

SECTION 6. Application. Any person or entity desiring or intending to operate a Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution System in Adams County shall, before operating the same, apply to Adams County for a license for such operation. Said license application shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- a. The name and address of the applicant.
- b. The name and address of the owner of the property upon which said System is intended to be operated.
- c. The dates or range of dates when such operation is intended to occur.
- d. A detailed description of the material intended to be distributed by the System.
- e. The legal description and address of the property upon which the System is to be operated.
- f. The manner in which the volume of material to be distributed by the System is intended to be regulated.
- g. The name and addresses of the owners of all property located within 1,000 feet of the property line of any parcel upon which the proposed Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution System is to be operated.

At the time of application, the applicant shall pay to Adams County an application fee in the amount of \$400.00 or such other fee as may be determined by the Adams County board by resolution.

SECTION 7. Public Hearing. Upon receipt of an application for a license for operation of a Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution System, Adams County shall hold a public hearing within forty-five (45) days upon receipt of an application for a license for operation of a Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution System. Notice of such hearing shall be mailed by the Land and Water Department, by certified mail, not later than ten (10) days before the date of the hearing to all property owners of property located within 1,000 feet of the property line of any parcel upon which the proposed Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution System is to be operated. If direct service is used in lieu of certified mail, service shall occur no later than five (5) days before the public hearing. Such notice shall also be published as a Class 2 notice.

SECTION 8. Standards and Conditions. In addition to holding a public hearing, before issuing a license for operation of a Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution System, Adams County shall review the application for such permit. No permit shall be issued unless the Board first determines that the proposed operation will not cause undue harm to the health of nearby residents. The Board may impose

appropriate conditions upon the proposed operation as necessary to protect such residents and the health and safety of other persons living and traveling through the County. Signs advising the public shall be posted in the public road right-of-way 100 feet before and after on any roadway abutting said property on which manure is being sprayed, commencing one (1) day prior to dispersal, and these signs shall remain posted for a one (1) day period after dispersal is complete. Said signs shall at a minimum be $8\frac{1}{2}$ " X 11" and the wording shall advise the public of the spraying application in letters at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height. The lettering shall be in contrast with the background color of the sign. The violation of any such conditions imposed by the Board shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. Enforcement. Any person who operates or causes the operation of a Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution System without first obtaining a lawful license for such operation under this Ordinance, or operates or causes the operation of such a System in a manner which violates any conditions imposed by Adams County upon any such license shall be deemed in violation of this Ordinance and Adams County may take action to enjoin such violation and/or to impose a fine by initiating an action in Adams County Court. Any person shall, upon conviction of any such violation, forfeit not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$10,000.00 plus court costs, for each day the violation continues, together with the costs of prosecution.

SECTION 10. Lien on Real Estate. In all cases in which the County Board or its duly appointed representative, takes action to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance because of the unlawful operation of a Spray Irrigation Manure Distribution System, the sum expended in accomplishing such enforcement shall become a lien on the property where such System is located in the same manner as any tax upon real estate. The Adams County Treasurer shall certify the description of such property, and the costs of such removal, and the Treasurer shall include the same in the annual schedule If land subject to special taxation. Payment of costs included in a lien hereunder shall be enforced in the same manner as a special tax upon real estate levied and collected in Adams County.

SECTION 11. Emergency dispersion of liquid manure. It is understood that there may be times when liquid manure distribution, due to natural or unforeseen events, needs to be dispersed forthwith. Such things as an inordinate amount of rain, or a breech in a manure pit wall, may require liquid manure to be dispersed. If such an emergency occurs, it is the responsibility of the Owner to get DNR permission, through the Agricultural Runoff Specialist for the West Central Region, to disperse the liquid manure immediately.

SECTION 12. Severability. If any section, clause, provision or other portion of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance, or Section of which it is a part, shall

137	not be affected thereby. If any application of this Ordinance to a particular
138	structure or parcel of land is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of
139	competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not be applicable to any other
140	structure or parcel of land not specifically included in the court's judgment except
141	as expressly ordered by the court.
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143	SECTION 13 . Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force
144	from and after the day of passage and publication as required by law. This
145	Ordinance is to be reviewed annually, and is to be further reviewed after the
146	completion of the study being conducted by the UW-Extension System regarding
147	liquid manure distribution through Spray Distribution Irrigation Systems or will
148	sunset unless passed again.
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150	Recommended for enactment by Land & Water Conservation Committee this
151	14th day of September, 2015.
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153	/s/ Joe Stuchlak, /s/ Heidi S Roekle, /s/ Paul Pisellini, /s/ Dan Wysocky, /s/
154	Barbara A. Morgan, /s/ Onfry Karch
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156	Enacted by the Adams County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of October,
157	2015.
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159	/s/ John West, Chairman /s/ Cindy Phillippi, County Clerk
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162	Reviewed by Corporation Counsel
163	Reviewed by Administrative Coordinator/Director of Finance

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