DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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Protester Guidelines

Individuals and groups have a legal right to gather and voice their First Amendment rights. The Public Safety Department's presence at a protest is meant to be a deterrent to violence or other illegal activity. The listed items below can assist in providing a safe environment for all:

- Permits **are not** required to protest in the Village of Ashwaubenon. If you wish to parade on a public street, a permit is required from the Director of Public Safety, re. Ord 7-402 (not less than 30 days or more than 45 days prior to event).
- A group leader should confer with the Police Supervisor in charge to discuss the intent of the protest.
- The group leader should speak to the Police Supervisor away from the rest of the crowd. The Ashwaubenon Department of Public Safety understands that individuals and groups have a right to assemble and peacefully protest under the first amendment. The Public Safety department's presence is to ensure that everyone's rights are protected.
- Provide the Police Supervisor with the scheduled time period for the protest and an approximate number of expected protesters.
- The group shall observe all local ordinances and state laws. A.D.P.S. Protester Guidelines are available and will be provided to the group leader. Please distribute the guidelines to all protest participants.
- **Violence will not be permitted.**
- The Public Safety Department expects the group to control protesters who become disorderly (i.e., throwing items, physical violence). Individual protesters who are violent/disorderly could adversely impact the entire group's right to legally protest. The group should remove disruptive individuals to ensure the protests legality.
- Sidewalks, entrances to store fronts, roadways or other public ways cannot be obstructed.
- Picket signs should not be constructed from materials that can be construed as offensive weapons, i.e., baseball bats, 2x4, pipes, etc.
- Signs cannot be attached to power or light poles.
- If the protest becomes violent, it will be dispersed following Wisconsin State Statute 947.06.

If you have questions regarding these guidelines, please feel free to contact an on-duty supervisor at (920) 492-2995.