

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 14

Resolution Requesting Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Environmental Fee Exemption For Municipal Solid Waste, 30% for Residual Disposal

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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WHEREAS, 2013 Wisconsin Act 301, enacted on April 16, 2014, date of publication April 17, 2014 allowed for an exemption from "Groundwater and Well Compensation Fees for Certain Materials": "For a qualified materials recovery facility as described in subd. (1)(a), (Section 289.63(6)(d)(2)(b) an amount equal to the weight of the residue generated by the qualified resources recovery facility or 30 percent of the total weight of material accepted by the qualified resource recovery facility, whichever is less."; and

WHEREAS, based on the language contained within the above referenced Act Barron and LaCrosse Counties, respectively, were excluded from the 30% fee exemption because of our Waste to Energy Facilities; and

WHEREAS, attached to this resolution is a document prepared by the Wisconsin Counties Association, Mark D. O'Connell, Executive Director, which provides additional information pertaining to this issue; and

WHEREAS, on Friday April 26th, 2019 at 1pm in the Barron County Government Center, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Mr. Dan Bahr, Government Affairs Associate, Wisconsin Counties Association, gave a presentation on this issue and explained; "2019-2021 Budget Motion Request", which is attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, at the above referenced meeting Mr. Jadd Stillwell, Director, LaCrosse County Solid Waste Department was in attendance and explained the effect this proposed law change would have on their County; and

WHEREAS, Barron County, seeks to work cooperatively with other Counties on shared and mutual legislative initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Fees for Various Waste Categories (\$/ton), (revised July, 2018), as prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, indicates an Overall Total Fees, (\$/ton), of \$12.997; and

WHEREAS, Barron County Waste to Energy Manager, Mr. Ray Zeman estimates, based on 2018 data, that if the 30% DNR residual disposal fee had been available to Barron County in 2018, the savings to Barron County would have been, \$15,372.07; and

WHEREAS, the details for the above amount are as follows:

Total Tons Waste Received:	32,388.59
Total Tons Recycling Received:	799.10
Total:	33,187.69

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43	Total Tons of Waste By-Passed to Landfill	1,182.74
44	DNR Environmental Fee/Ton	\$12.997
45	Total Potential Cash Savings to Barron County:	\$ 15,372.07
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48 **WHEREAS**, Barron County is the Responsible Unit of record for recycling
49 pursuant to Section 287.09 Wis. Stats. (previously sec. 159.09(1)(d), excluding the City of
50 Rice Lake and the Town of Rice Lake; and

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52 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Waste to Energy Facility is located adjacent to the
53 Barron County Recycling Center. Municipal solid waste received on the waste tipping
54 floor is spread out prior to incineration at which time metal and other non-combustible
55 items are removed from the waste stream to be recycled as appropriate; and

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57 **WHEREAS**, a draft of this resolution was reviewed by the Solid Waste Board on
58 May 7, 2019; and

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60 **WHEREAS**, the drafting of this resolution was approved by the Executive
61 Committee on May 1, 2019 on a vote of 9 – 0, and to be included with the Wisconsin
62 Counties Association 2019 Annual Meeting;

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64 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Barron County Board of
65 Supervisors requests that Wisconsin State Statutes be amended so as to allow the 30%
66 Department of Natural Resources, Residual Disposal Fee be applied to the Barron County
67 and LaCrosse County Waste To Energy Facilities and their Recycling Facilities,
68 respectively; and

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70 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be forwarded to the
71 Wisconsin Counties Association for inclusion in the 2019 Annual Meeting, Resolutions
72 packet; and

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74 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be distributed to State
75 Representative Quinn, State Senator Bewley, Governor Tony Evers, and the LaCrosse
76 County Board Chair; and

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78 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur
79 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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OFFERED THIS 20th day of May, 2019.

<p>Number of readings required: One (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Two (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) 2/3 Entire Board (<input type="checkbox"/>) (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted (<input type="checkbox"/>) General Fund (<input type="checkbox"/>) Grant (<input type="checkbox"/>) Contingency (<input type="checkbox"/>) Other (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Details: Reduction in Expense to WTE Facility</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - Future years total amount: \$ - Effect on tax levy – current year: \$ - Effect on tax levy – future years: \$</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by: _____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by: _____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Bill Schradle, Solid Waste Board Chair</p> <p>_____ Louie Okey, Executive Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Failed (<input type="checkbox"/>) Tabled (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p> <p>Motion: (Schradle/Skoug) to approve. Carried.</p>
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