



Resolution Number: 2019-08-03

REQUEST ELIMINATION OF THE 0% LEVY CAP IMPOSED ON WISCONSIN COUNTIES

Motion to Adopt By: John Aasen

Seconded By: George Brandt

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First Reading: 8/19/2019
Vote Required: Voice Vote
Adopted [X]
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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)s.s.
CO. OF TREMPLEALEAU)
I hereby certify that this resolution /ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors on: 8/19/2019
Paul L. Syverson, County Clerk

WHEREAS, in 2012, the State of Wisconsin imposed limits on town, village, city and county property tax levies under Wis. Stat. 66.0602; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 66.0602 limits that increase to the local property tax levy to no more than the greater of (a) 0% of last year's actual levy or (b) a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to new construction less improvements removed; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of new construction in Trempealeau County used to calculate the increase in the operating levy allowance has significantly lagged the CPI-U over this period; and

WHEREAS, as a result, Trempealeau County has been forced to absorb inflationary increases in normal operating expenditures with no offsetting increases in revenue; and

WHEREAS, unexpected increases in the expenditures for certain items, particularly unfunded mandates such as the cost of Child Protective Services, has compounded this issue; and

WHEREAS, Trempealeau County has taken measures to curb costs, eliminating positions, limiting employee wage increases, reducing program offerings and postponing necessary work on highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, to continue to provide essential services to county citizens, Trempealeau County has resorted to using debt to fund qualified expenditures previously funded in its operating levy resulting in a higher cost to Trempealeau County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Trempealeau County will be unable to continue to raise revenues using debt.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors requests complete elimination of the current 0% tax levy cap or replacing it with a levy allowance that adequately reflects the increases in everyday costs incurred by Wisconsin Counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Evers, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin legislature, the state

legislators of Trempealeau County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Introduced by: Executive & Finance Committee

_____, John Aasen

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Committee Approval Date: 8/05/2019

Committee Vote: 5 - 0

Resolution Drafted by: Paul L. Syverson

Reviewed by Corporation Counsel: YES

Fiscal Impact: (Fiscal Statement – as set forth in Project Initiation form) None