

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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2 **WHEREAS**, 2013 Wisconsin Act 301, enacted on April 16, 2014, date of
3 publication April 17, 2014 allowed for an exemption from "Groundwater and Well
4 Compensation Fees for Certain Materials": "For a qualified materials recovery facility as
5 described in subd. (1)(a), (Section 289.63(6)(d)(2)(b) an amount equal to the weight of the
6 residue generated by the qualified resources recovery facility or 30 percent of the total
7 weight of material accepted by the qualified resource recovery facility, whichever is less.";
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10 **WHEREAS**, based on the language contained within the above referenced Act
11 Barron and LaCrosse Counties, respectively, were excluded from the 30% fee exemption
12 because of our Waste to Energy Facilities; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, attached to this resolution is a document prepared by the Wisconsin
15 Counties Association, Mark D. O'Connell, Executive Director, which provides additional
16 information pertaining to this issue; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, on Friday April 26th, 2019 at 1pm in the Barron County Government
19 Center, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Mr. Dan Bahr, Government Affairs Associate,
20 Wisconsin Counties Association, gave a presentation on this issue and explained;
21 "2019-2021 Budget Motion Request", which is attached to this resolution; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, at the above referenced meeting Mr. Jadd Stillwell, Director,
24 LaCrosse County Solid Waste Department was in attendance and explained the effect this
25 proposed law change would have on their County; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, Barron County, seeks to work cooperatively with other Counties on
28 shared and mutual legislative initiatives; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, the Environmental Fees for Various Waste Categories (\$/ton),
31 (revised July, 2018), as prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources,
32 indicates an Overall Total Fees, (\$/ton), of \$12.997; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, Barron County Waste to Energy Manager, Mr. Ray Zeman estimates,
35 based on 2018 data, that if the 30% DNR residual disposal fee had been available to Barron
36 County in 2018, the savings to Barron County would have been, \$15,372.07; and
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38 **WHEREAS**, the details for the above amount are as follows:

39 Total Tons Waste Received:	32,388.59
40 Total Tons Recycling Received:	799.10
41 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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WHEREAS, Barron County is the Responsible Unit of record for recycling pursuant to Section 287.09 Wis. Stats. (previously sec. 159.09(1)(d), excluding the City of Rice Lake and the Town of Rice Lake; and

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

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

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

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

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



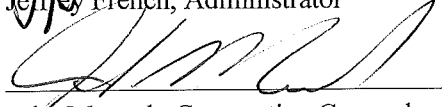
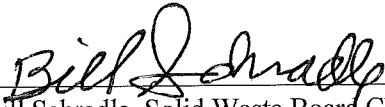
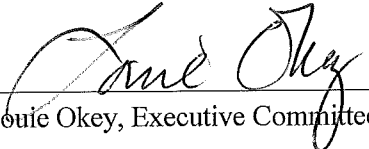
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be distributed to State Representative Quinn, State Senator Bewley, Governor Tony Evers, and the LaCrosse County Board Chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that publication of this resolution may occur 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 (X) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (X) 2/3 Entire Board () ()</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other (X) 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 (X) Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Motion: (Schradle/Skoug) to approve. Carried.</p>
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