

Resolution No. 68 - 02/19

Urging the State Legislature to Adopt Legislation to Close the Dark Stores Loophole Based Upon the Results of the November 6, 2018 Dark Stores Advisory Referendum

Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2018, the voters of Walworth County, through an advisory referendum, overwhelmingly advised the State Legislature to pass a bill that closes the dark stores loophole; and,

WHEREAS, closing the loophole would effectively prevent valuation of ongoing commercial retail properties from being valued as though such properties were shuttered and vacant; and,

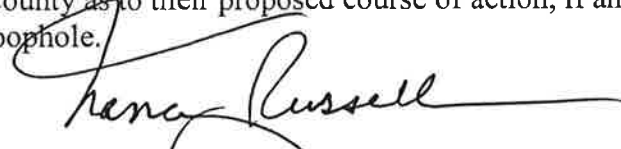
WHEREAS, allowing the loophole to exist creates an inordinate and inequitable tax shift from commercial real estate to residential properties; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution serves as acknowledgement by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors that the County’s electorate clearly wants legislation to address the dark store issue and further serves as the Board’s notice to State legislators that the County Board, on behalf of its residents, request remedial legislation to close the dark stores loophole.

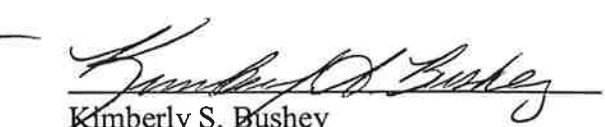
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors, based upon the results of the November 6 “Dark Stores” advisory referendum, requests those State legislators who represent the residents of Walworth County, as well as the State Legislature as a whole, to heed the clear results of the referendum and adopt legislation to close the dark stores loophole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Clerk present a copy of this resolution along with the results of the November 6, 2018 Dark Stores referendum to the State legislators representing Walworth County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests a written response from each State legislator representing the residents of Walworth County as to their proposed course of action, if any, with respect to closing the dark stores loophole.



Nancy Russell
County Board Chair



Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

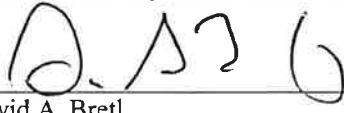
County Board Meeting Date: February 12, 2019

Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote _____ Other _____

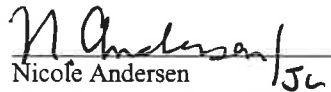
This Resolution/Ordinance was:
Adopted; Roll Call/U.C./Voice
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over
Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Absent: _____
Date February 12, 2019

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.

Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

 1/23/19

David A. Bretl
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

 1/24/19

Nicole Andersen
Deputy County Administrator - Finance

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.

Policy and Fiscal Note
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- I. Title:** Urging the State Legislature to Adopt Legislation to Close the Dark Stores Loophole Based Upon the Results of the November 6, 2018 Dark Stores Advisory Referendum
- II. Purpose and Policy Impact Statement:** The purpose of this resolution is to urge the State Legislature to adopt legislation to close the dark stores loophole based upon the results of the November 6, 2018 Dark Stores Advisory Referendum.
- III. Budget and Fiscal Impact:** Passage of this resolution will not fiscally impact the County budget.
- IV. Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:**

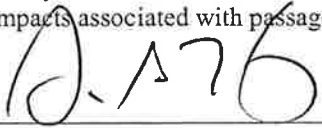
Committee: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: January 14, 2019

Vote: 4-0

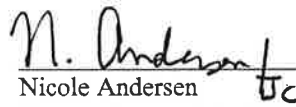
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Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.



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ALL CONTESTS
WALWORTH COUNTY
2018 General Election

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

The total number of votes cast for the **Walworth County Sheriff**
 was **36,340**

of which	Kurt Picknell	received	35,277
	SCATTERING	received	1,063

The total number of votes cast for the **Walworth County Clerk of Circuit Court**
 was **35,534**

of which	Kristina Secord	received	34,589
	SCATTERING	received	945

The total number of votes cast for the **Walworth County Dark Store Referendum**
 was **41,660**

of which	YES	received	31,040
	NO	received	10,620

Certification of the Board of Canvassers

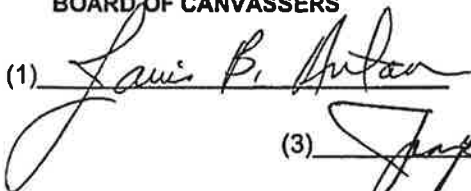


We, the undersigned, certify that we are the members of the Board of Canvassers for **WALWORTH** County.

We certify that the attached tabular statement of Votes Cast and Summary Statement of the Board of Canvassers, canvassed and prepared by us, are correct and true as compiled from the original returns made to the **WALWORTH** County Clerk.

We further determine and certify that the following person received the greatest number of votes for the respective office for which each was a candidate on **11/6/2018 6:00:00 AM**.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>HIGHEST CANDIDATE</u>
Walworth County Sheriff	Kurt Picknell
Walworth County Clerk of Circuit Court	Kristina Secord
Walworth County Dark Store Referendum	YES

BOARD OF CANVASSERS

(1)  (2) 
 (3) 

(Date) **Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

Walworth County Dark Store Referendum

WALWORTH COUNTY

2018 General Election

11/6/2018

Municipality Unit	Reporting	YES	NO
Town of BLOOMFIELD	Wards 1-2	390	133
Town of DARIEN	Wards 1-3	534	189
Town of DELAVAN	Wards 1-11	1,736	620
Town of EAST TROY	Ward 1	310	115
Town of EAST TROY	Wards 2-3	490	208
Town of EAST TROY	Wards 4-6	699	247
Town of GENEVA	Wards 1-8	1,754	548
Town of LAFAYETTE	Wards 1-3	780	245
Town of LA GRANGE	Wards 1-3	799	305
Town of LINN	Wards 1-4,6	675	238
Town of LINN	Ward 5	165	43
Town of LYONS	Wards 1-7	1,083	394
Town of RICHMOND	Wards 1-3	628	255
Town of SHARON	Ward 1	312	102
Town of SPRING PRAIRIE	Wards 1-4	834	304
Town of SUGAR CREEK	Wards 1-5	1,350	522
Town of TROY	Wards 1-3	913	300
Town of WALWORTH	Wards 1-3	549	220
Town of WHITEWATER	Wards 1-2	541	164
Town of WHITEWATER	Ward 3	29	17
Village of BLOOMFIELD	Wards 1-5	1,085	478
Village of DARIEN	Wards 1-2	408	149
Village of EAST TROY	Wards 1-5	1,410	495
Village of FONTANA	Wards 1-3	702	226
Village of GENOA CITY	Wards 1-4	716	218
VILLAGE OF MUKWONAGO	Ward 11	52	13
Village of SHARON	Wards 1-2	376	162
Village of WALWORTH	Wards 1-3	785	261
Village of WILLIAMS BAY	Wards 1-4	975	277
CITY OF BURLINGTON	Ward 9	0	0
CITY OF BURLINGTON	Ward 10	1	0
City of DELAVAN	Wards 1-14,16	2,116	716
City of DELAVAN	Ward 15	0	0
City of ELKHORN	Wards 1-7	2,732	881
City of ELKHORN	Ward 8	0	0

Municipality Unit	Reporting	YES	NO
City of LAKE GENEVA	Wards 1-2	635	166
City of LAKE GENEVA	Wards 3-4	479	129
City of LAKE GENEVA	Wards 5-6,10	708	201
City of LAKE GENEVA	Wards 7-9,11-14	560	142
City of WHITEWATER	Wards 1-2	721	245
City of WHITEWATER	Wards 3-4	548	188
City of WHITEWATER	Wards 5-6	823	292
City of WHITEWATER	Wards 7-9,13	637	212
Total		31,040	10,620