Resolution No. 08 - 05/19
Supporting Legislation Addressing Illegal Activities Associated with Adult Entertainment Establishments

Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, the Walworth County Board of Supervisors desires to provide its citizens and visitors with safe and healthy communities, a healthy environment, and positive quality of life in which to reside and thrive; and,

WHEREAS, adult entertainment establishments can pose a threat to public health, safety and quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, adult entertainment establishments provide a fertile environment for human trafficking, illicit drug sales and use, and other criminal activity; and,

WHEREAS, combating the associated illegal activities therein is of a statewide concern; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Statutes provide tools to regulate such establishments, such as liquor licensing and certain zoning laws; and,

WHEREAS, the Walworth County Board of Supervisors acknowledges that certain activities within adult entertainment establishments may have First Amendment protections; therefore, any legislation must be carefully drafted to address only the ancillary illegal activities; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018, several State legislators recognized the negative impacts on residents, visitors and the general public when adult entertainment establishments are operating within communities; and,

WHEREAS, at that time, State legislators indicated a willingness to introduce legislation to provide additional tools to combat human trafficking and the other illegal activity associated with these establishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes the illegal activities associated with the operation of adult entertainment establishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Wisconsin Legislature to recognize that the illegal activities occurring within and around adult entertainment establishments negatively impact the quality of life of the citizens and visitors of the communities in which these establishments operate and these negative impacts are occurring throughout the State of Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors urges the Wisconsin Legislature to recognize that additional laws are needed to combat negative
community impacts that are associated with these establishments, and that the liquor licensing laws alone are not effective to curb the illegal activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests the Wisconsin Legislature to enact laws that would provide tools for counties, cities, villages and towns, in addition to liquor licensing, to assist local efforts in eradicating the negative impacts associated with the illegal activities occurring within and around these establishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Walworth County Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State legislators representing Walworth County, the Wisconsin Attorney General and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

County Board Meeting Date: May 14, 2019

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

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached. Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

DAVID A. BRETT 4/23/19
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

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Deputy County Administrator - Finance

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.
I. **Title:** Supporting Legislation Addressing Illegal Activities Associated with Adult Entertainment Establishments

II. **Purpose and Policy Impact Statement:** The purpose of this resolution is to support legislation addressing illegal activities associated with adult entertainment establishments.

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: April 22, 2019
   Vote: 5-0
   County Board Meeting Date: May 14, 2019

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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