

Resolution No. 43 - 09/19
Requesting Elimination of the 0% Levy Cap Imposed on Wisconsin Counties

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

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3 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, the State of Wisconsin imposed limits on town, village, city and county
4 property tax levies under Section 66.0602 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,

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

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10 **WHEREAS**, the percentage of net new construction in Walworth County used to calculate the
11 increase in the operating levy allowance has significantly lagged the Consumer Price Index for
12 All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) over this period; and,

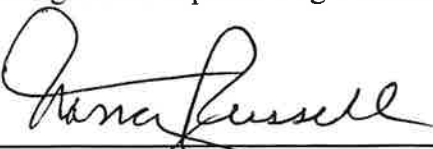
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14 **WHEREAS**, as a result, Walworth County has been forced to absorb inflationary increases in
15 normal operating expenditures with no offsetting increase in revenues; and,

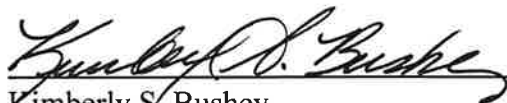
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17 **WHEREAS**, unexpected increases in the expenditures for certain items, particularly unfunded
18 mandates such as the cost of Child Protective Services, has compounded this issue; and,

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20 **WHEREAS**, Walworth County has taken measures to curb spending by cutting costs and
21 reducing program offerings.

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors
24 requests complete elimination of the current 0% tax levy cap or replacing it with a levy
25 allowance that adequately reflects the increases in everyday costs incurred by Wisconsin
26 counties.

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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this
29 resolution to Governor Tony Evers, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature,
30 state legislators representing Walworth County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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35 Nancy Russell
36 County Board Chair

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40 Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

38 County Board Meeting Date: September 3, 2019

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40 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 September 3, 2019

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.

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



David A. Bretl Date
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel



Jessica Conley Date
Finance Director

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