

Resolution 21-18

**Support Legislation to Close Dark Store Tax Loopholes**

WHEREAS, the Dark Store tax loopholes allow large commercial properties to be valued based on former retail properties that are vacant or unoccupied in the same real estate market; and

WHEREAS, the Dark Store strategy will result in a huge shift of the tax burden from commercial property owners to homeowners, small businesses and other property owner; and

WHEREAS, over the past several months, municipal, county, city and town officials have been in contact with state legislators testifying against the Dark Store tax loophole in order to avoid a property tax burden shifting to other tax paying entities such as residential homeowners and other businesses and/or cuts in essential services provided by an affected municipality; and

WHEREAS, unless the Dark Store loopholes are closed, residents will realize the impact when they receive their next property tax bill; and


WHEREAS, AB386 and SB292 were introduced to address the assessment value of property using defined generally accepted appraisal methods; and

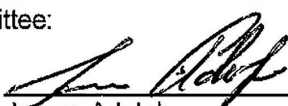
WHEREAS, AB386 and SB292 were adversely disposed of at the end of the last legislative general business floor period.

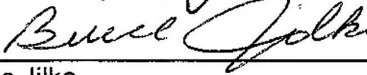
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Price County Board of Supervisors does support legislation directed at closing the Dark Store loopholes; and

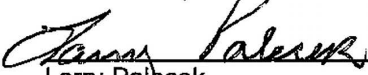
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature, the state legislators for Price County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Submitted by the Price County Executive Committee:

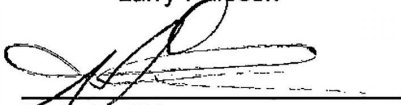
  
Robert D. Kopisch, Chair

  
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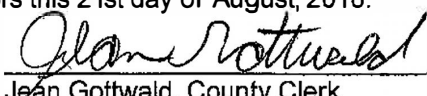
  
Larry Palecek

Reviewed by County Administrator:

  
Nicholas Trimner

Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 21st day of August, 2018.

  
Robert D. Kopisch, County Board Chair

  
Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

For: 13 Against: 0