

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

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Executive Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

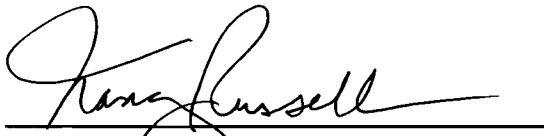
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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors hereby urges
35 the Wisconsin Legislature to recognize that the illegal activities occurring within and around
36 adult entertainment establishments negatively impact the quality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

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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors urges the
41 Wisconsin Legislature to recognize that additional laws are needed to combat negative

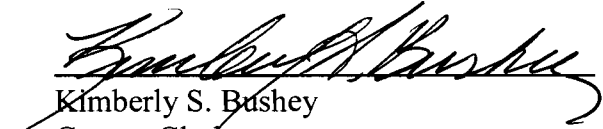
1 community impacts that are associated with these establishments, and that the liquor licensing
2 laws alone are not effective to curb the illegal activities.

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

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

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17 Nancy Russell
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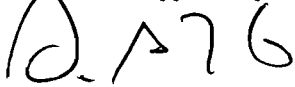
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20 Kimberly S. Bushey
21 County Clerk


22 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:

 4/23/19
Date
David A. Bretl
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel

 4/23/19
Date
Nicole Andersen
Deputy County Administrator - Finance

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

This Resolution/Ordinance was:
Adopted: Roll Call/U.C./Voice
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over
Yes: Noes: Absent:
Date May 14, 2019

Policy and Fiscal Note
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- 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.

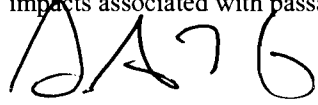
- IV. **Referred to the following standing committees for consideration and date of referral:**

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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