

RESOLUTION NO. 27-05-21
ADVISORY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE AN
INCREASE IN CRIMINAL AND ORDINANCE VIOLATION SURCHARGE

WHEREAS, County government implements a broad range of essential services, most of which are required by state law; and

WHEREAS, underfunded and unfunded state mandates are continually placing an increasing financial hardship on local property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, as the portion of collected fees paid by counties to the state and retained by the county continues to be insufficient to keep pace with inflation and ever growing costs associated with the many mandated programs within the county court system; and

WHEREAS, the County's portion of the statutory clerk fees have not increased since at least 1991, traffic/forfeiture cases are set at \$20.00 and criminal court cases are set at \$163.00 while the clerk only retains \$9.99 of the total amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Waushara County Board of Supervisors that this Board hereby supports legislation that would increase court costs in the amount of \$20 to be retained by the clerk of court for criminal and ordinance violations to align with a portion of the actual cost for courts to operate. This will ensure services implemented on behalf of the state at the circuit court level will more adequately provide resources and protect public safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board hereby directs the Waushara County Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to all Wisconsin Counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all state senators and assembly members representing Waushara County constituents.


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Ayes ___ Nays ___ Abstain ___ Absent ___ Voice Vote

Approved and adopted this 18th day of May 2021.

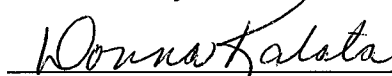
Denied this 18th day of May 2021.

Approved as to Form:



Ruth Zouski
Corporation Counsel

Submitted by:



Donna Kalata, Chair
Executive Committee

Attest:



Megan Kapp
Waushara County Clerk

Signed by:



Donna R. Kalata, Chair
Waushara County Board of Supervisors