



DOOR COUNTY

Resolution No. 2022-107

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST STATE REVISE THE CURRENT REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES REVENUE SHARING FORMULA

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
AUSTAD			
BEARDSLEY			
BULTMAN			
CHOMEAU			
D. ENGLEBERT			
R. ENGLEBERT			
ENIGL			
FISHER			
GAUGER			
GUNNLAUGSSON			
HEIM PETER			
KALMS			
LIENAU			
MILLER			
MORKIN			
NORTON			
ROBILLARD			
RUSNAK			
THAYSE			
VOGEL			
ZETTEL			

1 **WHEREAS**, the collection of a real estate transfer fee by counties was
2 mandated by the State of Wisconsin in 1969, and included a requirement that
3 counties remit 50% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, in 1981 the State changed the transfer fee formula to require
6 counties to remit 80% of all transfer fees collected to the State; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the County, through the Register of Deeds Office, assumes the
9 annual operating costs of recording all real estate transfers occurring in each
10 county, including the collection of real estate transfer fees; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, Door County real estate transfer fee collections over the past 4
13 years totaled \$5,047,629.00 of which the County retained \$1,009,525.00 and
14 \$4,038,104.00 was remitted to the State; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, using a 50/50 split, the County's share of fees collected on local
17 real estate transfers during that same four-year period would have provided an
18 additional \$1,514,289.50 in support of local government; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, in 2021 the State of Wisconsin has built up a budget surplus of
21 approximately \$2.5 billion dollars, while many Wisconsin counties continue to
22 struggle financially due to the ever-increasing costs of providing county
23 government services in an inflationary economy and providing services for
24 increasing unfunded State mandated programs along with the financial restrictions
25 imposed by State imposed levy limits.

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Door County Board of
28 Supervisors that in an effort to assist all Wisconsin counties, the State of Wisconsin
29 revise the real estate transfer fee share formula to again allow Wisconsin counties
30 to retain 50% of all real estate transfer fees collected, with 50% to be remitted to
31 the State.

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to
34 governor Tony Evers, all members of the State Legislature representing Door
35 county, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all other Wisconsin Counties

BOARD ACTION
Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted Defeated

1st Englebert
2nd Norton

No: _____ Yes: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: [Signature], Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: [Signature], Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: Based on the past 4 years real estate transfer fee collection using the 50/50 split calculation, Door County would have received an additional \$1,514,289 in revenues. STW

Certification:
I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 20th day of December, 2022 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

[Signature]
Jill M. Lau
County Clerk, Door County

**SUBMITTED BY:
Finance Committee**

[Signature] David Englebert, Chairperson
[Signature] Bob Bultman
[Signature] Joel Gunnlaugsson
[Signature] Alexis Heim Peter
[Signature] Jeff Miller
[Signature] Morgan Rusnak
[Signature] Dale Vogel