

LANGLADE COUNTY



VOTE
11 AYES
2 NAYS
7 ABSENT
1 BY PHONE

RESOLUTION #28-2022

INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

INTENT: REQUEST THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE MODIFY LEVY LIMITS

WHEREAS, in an effort to control and reduce the annual increase in property tax rates, the State of Wisconsin in 2006 imposed property tax levy limits on municipal and county governments; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the State modified the levy limit requirement by allowing local governments an annual increase in the property tax levy based upon a percentage of the value of net new construction; and

WHEREAS, in Langlade County, the allowable increase to the tax levy attributable to the annual percentage increase in the value of net new construction averages out to \$70,426 per year over the last five years, and that amount fails to sufficiently fund annual increases in Langlade County's operational costs; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 – 2020 increase in Wisconsin's consumer price index (CPI) averages out to a 1.57% annual increase, according to data compiled by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS, along with all other Wisconsin counties, Langlade County continues to experience annual operational cost increases, led primarily by higher fuel, material, insurance and labor costs as indicated by the annual rate of increase in the CPI; and

WHEREAS, all other sources of Langlade County revenues, including the annual allowable increase in the property tax levy, have now proven to be insufficient to fund annual operational cost increases; and

WHEREAS, there is no reliable means other than the annual tax levy to fund for the demand for services and to fund for the annual increases in the CPI as experienced by Langlade County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors to request the Wisconsin State Legislature to consider the following modifications to the levy limits imposed upon Wisconsin municipal and county governments:

1. In 2022 for 2023, permit all units of county and municipal government who have experienced an increase in population since the 2010 census, a onetime allowable increase to the county's base levy amount of no more than 10% above their adopted 2022 property tax levy.

2. Also in 2022 for 2023, permit an annual allowable increase in the property tax levy based upon the existing formula of a percentage of the annual increase in the value of net new construction plus the annual overall percentage increase in the Wisconsin consumer price index as compiled annually by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, to all of the state legislators representing Langlade County and to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:



Ben Pierce, Chairman

George Shimmers
George Shimmers

John Medo
John Medo

absent
Robert Benishek

Richard A Wiegert
Richard Wiegert

Carol Bardo
Carol Bardo

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FISCAL NOTE:

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LANGLADE
COUNTY THIS 25th DAY OF July, 2022.

Judy Nagel
Judy Nagel, County Clerk

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