



Resolution

No. 2023-59

Amend Wisconsin State Statute 75 to Enhance Flexibility in County Sales of Tax-Foreclosed Properties

WHEREAS, Chapter 75 of the Wisconsin State Statutes outlines the regulations governing the sale of tax-foreclosed properties by counties; *and*,

WHEREAS, some counties may retain ownership of tax-foreclosed properties for a period of time beyond that which allows for redemption proceedings; *and*,

WHEREAS, the current limitations imposed by Chapter 75 restrict counties in their ability to donate, transfer or sell at a discount tax-foreclosed properties, thereby limiting opportunities for incentivizing revitalization, housing development, and public-private partnerships; *and*,

WHEREAS, these limitations persist indefinitely from the date of acquisition without any sunset provisions; *and*,

WHEREAS, there is a recognized need to promote the efficient and strategic utilization of tax-foreclosed properties for the purposes of housing development, while ensuring the best interests of the communities and residents of Wisconsin are served; *and*,

WHEREAS, allowing counties to donate or sell at a discount tax-foreclosed properties for the purpose of housing development after ten years from the date of acquisition would enable them to foster new public-private development partnerships, increase affordable housing options, and stimulate the local economy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 30th day of May, 2023 recommends that the Wisconsin Counties Association advocates in support of an amendment to Chapter 75 of the Wisconsin State Statutes to modify the regulations governing the dispensation of tax-foreclosed properties by counties; *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed amendment shall allow counties to discount, donate or transfer tax-foreclosed properties without penalty to public and private entities for the purposes of housing development after a period of ten years from the date of tax deed acquisition.

By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors



Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chair*

