

RESOLUTION #24-01

OPPOSITION TO STATE OF WISCONSIN SENATE BILL 691

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that Cities, Villages, and Towns can craft mutually beneficial revenue sharing and boundary agreements amongst themselves; and

WHEREAS, Cities and Villages have historically planned their Water Treatment Facilities for a carefully calculated capacity based on their own planned growth; and

WHEREAS, allowing newly formed "Urban Towns" to dictate what that capacity will be used for; and

WHEREAS, under SB691, Cities and Villages will lose their rights to extraterritorial zoning as well as their rights to extraterritorial plat approval; and

WHEREAS, SB691 theoretically can place an entire community's property rights in the hands of one opposing individual; and

WHEREAS, requiring Cities and Villages to extend services to an "Urban Town" where individual lot sizes can range from 1 to 20 acres making any extension cost prohibitive and thus creating an undue hardship to the providing community; and

WHEREAS, SB691 places existing Intergovernmental Agreements in great jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, residents of the affected City or Village would be stripped of their rights to plan and control their own communities' destiny.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Jackson strongly opposes the advancement of SB691.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Jackson stands ready to work with our State Legislators to encourage Cities, Villages, and Towns to work together to form mutually beneficial boundary agreements and to provide services where it's not only mutually beneficial but also a result of intergovernmental cooperation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State and it's Representatives should encourage partnerships and cooperation among local governing bodies instead of the division and imposed hardships as laid forth in SB691.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to all the State Legislators that represent the Village of Jackson, as well as to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Introduced by: Tr. Wells

Seconded by: Tr. Kruepke

Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

Passed and Approved: February 13, 2024

Attest: Anastasia Gonstead
Anastasia Gonstead – Village Clerk

Brian Heckendorf
Brian Heckendorf – Village President

Proof of Posting:

I, the undersigned, certify that I posted this Resolution on bulletin boards at the Village Hall, Post Office, and one other location in the Village.

Village Official

February 14, 2024
Date