

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ELIMINATION OF TOWN ASSESSMENT

**Town of Frankfort
Pepin County
State of Wisconsin**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) proposes to change from municipal assessment to county assessment that requires 100% assessment of every property every year; and,

WHEREAS, this proposal would cause an unfathomable waste of taxpayer dollars through extraordinary cost increases; and,

WHEREAS, citizens would only be able to access a few Board of Review proceedings throughout an entire county, which would significantly decrease the ability of local knowledge to create accuracy in the assessment process; and,

WHEREAS, towns, cities, and villages would no longer be in control of their own costs because the county will just send them a bill; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed change would be an unprecedented intrusion into local government, establishing state supervision of certain aspects of county budgets, salaries and number of employees; and,

WHEREAS, the DOR has cited assessor problems as part of their rationale, but has never exercised their existing authority to revoke an assessor's license; and,

WHEREAS, over the last five years the DOR has already required additional work and detailed information from assessors to improve the process; and,

WHEREAS, this proposals kills private sector jobs and grows public sector jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the DOR cites that Wisconsin is one of few states that has municipal assessment, but forgets to note the strong leadership of Wisconsin citizens, our state's dedication to local input, and the simple lack of town government in many states;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Frankfort, Pepin County does hereby oppose the implementation of county assessment in Wisconsin and asks for the proposal to be removed from the budget; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Towns are and have always been willing to work with the State of Wisconsin, fellow local government groups, and other stakeholders to continually improve the assessment process.

Adopted this 10th day of March, 2015 by the Town Board of the Town of Frankfort, Pepin, County.

Town of Frankfort, Town Board

By: /s/ Bryce Black, Chairperson

/s/ Denny Richardson, Supervisor 1

(absent) Curt Stine, Supervisor 2

/s/ Donna Juleff, Supervisor 3

/s/ Kay Hamilton, Supervisor 4

Attest: Maureen Manore, Town Clerk

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