

**Town of Kewaskum, Washington County, Wisconsin**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09**

**Resolution to Add Advisory Referendum to Ballot**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD TO ADD AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM TO THE BALLOT OF THE 2023 SPRING ELECTION REGARDING A REQUEST TO WASHINGTON COUNTY TO SHARE A PORTION OF THE SALES TAX WITH MUNICIPALITIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Mid-Moraine Municipal Association started an effort in fall of 2022 to have voters express their desires to have Washington County share sales tax dollars with municipalities in Washington County to fund local roads; and,

WHEREAS, counties—not individual municipalities—have the authority to collect local sales tax; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 77.76(3), counties are authorized to share all or a portion of sales tax revenues with municipalities within their boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to gauge public opinion on whether the Town of Kewaskum should request Washington County to share sales tax dollars with municipalities in Washington County; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds the best way to gauge public opinion regarding Washington County sharing sales tax dollars with municipalities in Washington County is to add an advisory referendum question to the ballot for the 2023 Spring Election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Kewaskum, Washington County, Wisconsin, as follows:

The Town Clerk shall submit the following advisory referendum question to the Wisconsin Elections Commission for placement in the Town's ballots for the 2023 Spring Election:

Washington County currently imposes a 0.5% sales tax throughout the county and none of these dollars are shared with the local municipalities. Municipalities are putting forth a proposal to the County for sharing sales tax revenues. Would you support an agreement where the County would annually share 20% of the revenues with the cities, villages, and towns to apply to local road maintenance and construction?


Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

BY THE ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

By:

  
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Scott J. Wollner  
Town Chairperson

Attest:

  
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Anne L. Trautner  
Town Clerk