

RESOLUTION NO. 2017.09

A Resolution Respectfully Requesting Annual Equitable Distribution
of 25% of local sales tax to all municipalities.

Whereas, Washington County enacted the 1/2% local sales tax in 1999 to encourage Cabela's to locate in Washington County; and

Whereas, cumulatively over the preceding eighteen years (through 2016) this local sales tax has generated \$154,809,516.00; and

Whereas, this local sales tax has increased steadily from \$8,312,379.00 in 2009, to the latest 2016 amount of \$11,456,166.00; and

Whereas, this local sales tax has effectively repaid the Cabela's development incentive, has been utilized to fund numerous capital improvement projects, and has eliminated Washington County debt (\$9 million/1.37% debt capacity); and

Whereas, debt levels of municipalities in Washington County have a much higher debt level, for example, the City of West Bend (\$62 million/49.87% debt capacity) City of Hartford (\$27 million/47.46% debt capacity) and the Village of Kewaskum at (\$9 million/64% debt capacity); and

Whereas, Washington County towns, cities and villages contribute to the important infrastructure needed to support the commercial businesses that generate this local sales tax; and

Whereas, town, city and village leaders in Washington County have been discussing the possibility of requesting the Washington County Board of Supervisors to allocate 25% of the local sales tax; and

Whereas, Wis. Stats. 77.76(3) has a provision currently in place for counties to distribute all or a portion of the amount it receives to towns, cities and villages; and


Whereas, towns, cities and villages could utilize 25% of this local sales money to pay off debt and rebuild aging road infrastructure; and

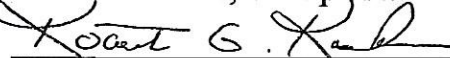
Whereas, a population and equalized value formula based allocation of 25% of the local sales tax in Washington County would equitably distribute this local tax to all municipalities.


Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the Town of Polk Town Board respectfully requests an annual equitable distribution of 25% of the local sales tax (as per the attached formula) effective in January 2019.

Be it Resolved Further, that towns, cities and villages in Washington County receiving these funds be required to utilize this shared local sales tax to pay off current debt or rebuild road infrastructure.


Passed and approved this 14th of November 2017, by the Town Board, Town of Polk, Washington County, Wisconsin


Albert Schulteis, Chairperson


Robert Roecker, Supervisor


Dennis Sang, Supervisor

Attest:


Diana Degnitz, Clerk