

**Resolution Number: 05092023-1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WALWORTH TOWN BOARD REQUESTING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO  
CHANGE THE ALLOCATION OF RESERVE “CLASS B” LIQUOR LICENSES WITHIN THE STATE  
OF WISCONSIN**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has a law in effect limiting the number of Reserve “Class B” Liquor Licenses that may be issued by local municipalities (See §125.51(4), Wis. Stat.); and

**WHEREAS**, under state law, a municipality may arrange for a transfer of a Reserve “Class B” Liquor License from a municipality that is contiguous with, or is located within two miles of, the requesting municipality, with a statutorily required issuance fee, typically the payment of at least \$10,000.00, to the transferring municipality for the transferred license (See §§125.51(3)(e)(4) and (4)(e), Wis. Stat.); and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities in the State of Wisconsin desire to increase their tax base through development and growth of businesses and provisions that hamper these efforts are detrimental to not only the municipalities but also the residents and taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our belief that the two provisions above are unnecessarily limiting and prevent new businesses from establishing and growing in our municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities of Walworth County have also been asked to support a change in these laws;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Walworth respectfully requests the State of Wisconsin to allow municipalities to request a transfer of a Reserve “Class B” liquor license throughout an entire county rather than being limited to a 2-mile contiguous radius.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Town of Walworth Board, that the Chair is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and Walworth County’s State legislative delegation.

Adopted:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
David J. Rowbotham, Chair

Attest:

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Marie Baker, Clerk-Treasurer