

Resolution Number: 2023-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE DOVER 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 and Kenosha Counties have also been asked to support a change in these laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Dover 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 Dover Town Board, that the Chairman is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and the Racine County's State legislative delegation.

Introduced: May 8, 2023

Adopted: May 8, 2023


Sam Stratton, Chairman

Attest:


Camille Gerou, Clerk/Treasurer