

Resolution #7-R-23 Local Government Funding Legislation Resolution Expressing Support for Wisconsin Act 12

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Referred To: Finance Committee*

Whereas, the City of Appleton is excited to share that Local Government Funding Legislation Assembly Bill 245, Shared Revenue, was signed into law on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 by Governor Tony Evers; and

Whereas, beginning July 1, 2024, a full penny of sales tax goes into a segregated local government fund; and

Whereas, all communities will see at least a 20% increase over current municipal aid except Milwaukee which receives 10% and the local sales tax authority; and

Whereas, the City of Appleton will receive a 20% increase, which will help support essential local services; and

Whereas, future percentage increases in sales tax revenue will be applied to both existing and supplemental aids; and

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Appleton wishes to express our gratitude to all of the mayors, local government officials and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities for their tireless work in presenting the case for the increase in shared revenue directly to state legislators and in listening sessions across the state; and

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Appleton, while concerned that Act 12 also contains further limits on local control related to public safety, public health and allowing our citizens to express their views via advisory referenda, is pleased that the Legislature has recognized that the increase in municipal aid is vital in allowing cities, towns and villages to maintain infrastructure, services and public safety.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City of Appleton thanks the Legislature for increasing funding for the shared revenue program and directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the state legislators representing the City of Appleton, to Governor Tony Evers and to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.