

CITY OF KAUKAUNA
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-5201

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF KAUKAUNA REQUESTING OUTAGAMIE
COUNTY TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES TAX TO
FUND, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM.**

WHEREAS, in early 2018, Outagamie County approached municipalities in the county to discuss transferring maintenance, ownership, and replacement of outdoor warning systems as of 1/1/2020; and

WHEREAS, Outagamie County has adopted County Board Resolution 21-2018-2019 outlining the position of turning over these essential emergency management functions to local municipalities and the county has asked each municipality to identify the future of each local outdoor warning system; and

WHEREAS, there is no single medium of communication that can reach all residents at all times, outdoor warning sirens have historically been a cost effective warning system, and could easily be coupled with the other means of communication to create a more robust and effective system; and

WHEREAS, emerging technologies and weather radios are great supplemental tools, the sirens remain a vital component for some of our city's most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the Midwest continue to rely on and invest in sirens as one tool enabling public agencies to notify large segments of the public during times of inclement weather, including larger metro areas like Dane County, WI and Nashville, TN; and

WHEREAS, the costs to operate, maintain, and acquire sirens, when averaged over the lifecycle, is less than \$2,000 per warning siren annually, and

WHEREAS, the decision to have 21 municipalities in Outagamie County individually determine if they should utilize a countywide system is an ineffective and inefficient policy that could have severe ramifications for all county residents and visitors to our communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council for the City of Kaukauna that for the safety considerations of our residents and visitors to our community, the City of Kaukauna is Requesting Outagamie County to utilize a portion of the County's new one-half percent sales tax to fund, operate and maintain the Outdoor Warning System.

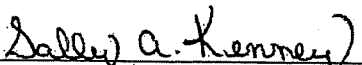
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APPROVED:



Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sally Kenney, Clerk/Treasurer