

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 17 (2021/22)**

Re: **Supporting Legislation to Provide Increase in Criminal and Ordinance Violation Surcharges**

**WHEREAS**, County government implements a broad range of essential services, most of which are required by state law, and

**WHEREAS**, underfunded and unfunded state mandates are continually placing an increasing financial hardship on local property taxpayers, and

**WHEREAS**, the portion of fees collected and retained by the County continues to be insufficient to keep pace with inflation and ever-growing costs associated with the many mandated programs within the court system, and

**WHEREAS**, the County's portion of the statutory clerk fees have not increased since at least 1991; traffic/forfeiture cases are set at \$20.00 and criminal court cases are set at \$163.00, while the Clerk only retains \$9.99 of the total amount;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors hereby supports legislation that would increase court costs in the amount of \$20.00 per violation to be retained by the Clerk of Court for criminal and ordinance violations to align with a portion of the actual cost for courts to operate, which will ensure services implemented on behalf of the state at the circuit court level will more adequately provide resources and protect public safety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor, all Wisconsin counties, state and federal legislative representatives having constituencies in Sheboygan County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and such other public officials as the Clerk may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of August, 2021.

**LAW COMMITTEE**

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Opposed to Introduction:

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