

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 14 (2023/24)

Re: **Increasing Marriage License Fees**

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 765.15 provides that the minimum fee for marriage licenses is Forty-nine and 50/100 Dollars (\$49.50) plus such additional amount as each County Board deems is appropriate, and

WHEREAS, Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) from every fee goes to the State of Wisconsin and (\$24.50) becomes a part of the funds of the County, Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the amount retained by the County goes to fund mandated family court counseling services, and the balance goes to the County for administration, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County fee for marriage licenses was last adjusted to its present total fee of Eighty-five Dollars (\$85.00) through the adoption of Resolution No. 19 (2009/10) on September 22, 2009, and

WHEREAS, in comparing this rate to the rates charged in other Wisconsin counties, the Sheboygan County rate is low and no longer covers the cost of administration, and

WHEREAS, increasing the fee to a total fee of Ninety Dollars (\$90.00) would bring Sheboygan County's fee in line with other counties as well as contribute to the cost of County operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the fee for marriage licenses shall be increased to Ninety Dollars (\$90.00) effective January 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of October, 2023.

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Opposed to Introduction:

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