

APPROVED: 4/24/2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
TOWN OF BOULDER JUNCTION  
VILAS COUNTY

**RESOLUTION NO 2022-R-06**  
**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE MODIFY LEVY LIMITS**

WHEREAS, in an effort to control and reduce the annual increase in property tax rates, the State of Wisconsin in 2006 imposed property tax levy limits on municipal and county governments; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the State modified the levy limit requirement by allowing local governments an annual increase in the property tax levy based upon a percentage of the value of net new construction; and

WHEREAS, in the Town of Boulder Junction, the allowable increase to the tax levy attributable to the annual percentage increase in the value of net new construction averages out to \$7250.00 per year over the last five years, and that amount fails to sufficiently fund annual increases in Boulder Junction's operational costs; and

WHEREAS, 2020 census data indicates that the population of the Town of Boulder Junction increased by 13.3% resulting in a net gain in town population of 124 individuals since the 2010 census; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 – 2020 increase in Wisconsin's consumer price index (CPI) averages out to a 1.57% annual increase, according to data compiled by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS, the upswing in population is causing an increase in demand for additional town services affecting all town departments; and

WHEREAS, along with all other Wisconsin towns, Boulder Junction continues to experience annual operational cost increases, led primarily by higher fuel, material, insurance and labor costs as indicated by the annual rate of increase in the CPI; and

WHEREAS, all other sources of the Town of Boulder Junction revenues, including the annual allowable increase in the property tax levy, have now proven to be insufficient to fund annual operational cost increases; and

WHEREAS, there is no reliable means other than the annual tax levy to fund for the demand for services caused by the population increase, and to fund for the annual increases in the CPI as experienced by the Town of Boulder Junction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Boulder Junction Town Board in session this 26th day of April, 2022 that we hereby request the Wisconsin State Legislature to consider the following modifications to the levy limits imposed upon Wisconsin municipal and county governments:

1. In 2022 for 2023, permit all units of county and municipal government who have experienced an increase in population since the 2010 census, a onetime allowable increase to the ~~county~~<sup>town</sup>'s base levy amount of no more than 10% above their adopted 2022 property tax levy.

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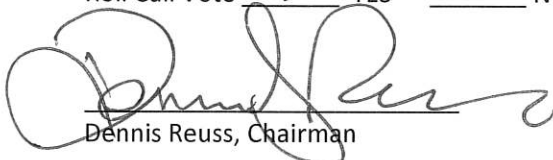
2. Also in 2022 for 2023, permit an annual allowable increase in the property tax levy based upon the existing formula of a percentage of the annual increase in the value of net new construction plus the annual overall percentage increase in the Wisconsin consumer price index as compiled annually by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission

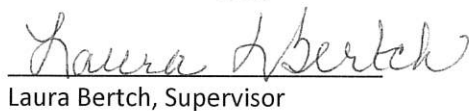
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Boulder Junction Town Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, to all of the state legislators representing Vilas County and to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Passed on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022

By the Town Board of the Town of Boulder Junction

Roll Call Vote 3 YES 0 NO (2/3 required)

  
Dennis Reuss, Chairman

  
Laura Bertch, Supervisor

  
James Galloway, Supervisor

Attest:

  
Daniel Driscoll, Clerk/Treasurer

Posted at: Community Center and town website: [www.townofboulderjunction.org](http://www.townofboulderjunction.org)