

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: 6/9/09
4 Date of publication: 6/13/09

5 **VOTE**

6 **2009 RESOLUTION 18**

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8 **Authorization to Expand County's Environmental Health Program**
9 **to Serve as Agent of the Department of Health Services for**
10 **Local Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Services**

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Washington County Board of Supervisors is committed to its mission to
13 provide all County citizens with cost effective, prompt and high quality services that conform to
14 requirements and meet or exceed the public's expectations; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Washington County Health Department is committed to its mission to
17 promote health, prevent disease and protect health for all; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, both the 2001-2005 and 2006-2010 Community Health Improvement Plans
20 have identified a need to assure citizens of Washington County that licensed facilities meet safety
21 and sanitary standards to prevent communicable diseases; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, both the 2001-2005 and 2006-2010 Health Department Strategic Plans ad-
24 dress advocating for local food safety and recreational licensing services; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the 2004 Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public
27 Health Restructuring Report recommended all local health departments offer local food safety
28 and recreational licensing (FSRL) services; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, as a part of the 2004 Restructuring Report and other reorganization at the
31 State level, the Food Safety and Recreational Licensing Bureau was established within the State
32 Department of Health Services (DHS), Division of Public Health (DPH); and

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34 **WHEREAS**, as a part of the development of the County's Multi-Jurisdictional Compre-
35 hensive Plan, the Board of Health recommended that local FSRL services be provided by the
36 Health Department; and

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38 **WHEREAS**, the need for local FSRL services has been assessed and recommended by
39 the State of Wisconsin during the past three DHS 140 review processes (1999, 2005 and 2009);
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42 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Health has assessed public health needs and advocated for the
43 Health Department to provide local FSRL services as a reasonable and necessary public health
44 service by voting on May 6, 2009 to send the proposal to the Executive Committee for review;
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1 **WHEREAS**, the County's Executive Committee reviewed the proposal on May 26, 2009
2 and recommended it be forwarded to the County Board; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, licensed facility operator input has been sought and operator support for
5 food safety and recreational licensing services has been documented; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Section 254.69 of the Wisconsin Statutes and HFS Chapter 192 of the Wis-
8 consin Administrative Code allow local health departments to conduct inspections and investiga-
9 tions, issue permits and enforce environmental health sanitation rules by entering into an agree-
10 ment with the Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Food Safety and Recre-
11 ational Licensing Bureau to become agents of the state;

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13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of
14 Supervisors that the Health Department is authorized to expand its Environmental Health Pro-
15 gram to include food safety and recreational licensing services starting in 2010 as an agent of the
16 state under Chapters HFS 172, 173, 175, 178, 192, 195, 196, 197 and 198 of the Wisconsin Ad-
17 ministrative Code and in accordance with the intent of §254.69, Wis. Stats.

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19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that appropriate Washington County Code amend-
20 ments be drafted and presented to the Board in 2009 in preparation for the implementation of the
21 local program referred to herein.

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23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Health Department is authorized to explore any
24 grant funding available to defray or offset start-up costs for this program.

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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are au-
27 thorized to execute the agreements with the State of Wisconsin necessary for the implementation
28 of the local program referred to herein, subject to the review and approval of the County Attor-
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33 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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35 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Resolution authorizing the County Health Department to expand
36 the Environmental Health Program to include local food safety and recreational licensing servic-
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1 APPROVED:
2 **(signed by Kimberly A. Nass)**
3 Kimberly A. Nass, County Attorney
4 Dated **6/9/09**
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6 Considered **6/9/09**
7 Adopted **6/9/09**
8 Ayes **18** Noes **9** Absent **3**
9 Voice Vote _____

Introduced by members of the HEALTH and
AGING and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES
as filed with the County Clerk.

(signed by Charlene S. Brady)
Charlene S. Brady, Chairperson
Health and Aging Committee
(signed Herbert J. Tennies)
Herbert J. Tennies, Chairperson
Executive Committee

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12 (The fees collected and grant funding are anticipated to cover all costs of the program.)