

Town of St. Joseph

Resolution 2017-11

Opposition to Senate Bill 309 & Assembly Bill 399

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin requires all Towns to adopt a Comprehensive Land Use Plan under WSS 66.1001; and

WHEREAS, adoption of County zoning is a fiscally responsible decision for Towns as it places all costs related to ordinance administration and enforcement on the county; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 309 & Assembly Bill 399 both call for an amendment to WSS 30.27(3) and to create WSS 30.27 (2)(d) relating to zoning ordinances in the Lower St. Croix Riverway; and

WHEREAS, Adoption of County zoning is consistent with the Town of St. Joseph's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Town of St. Joseph has been under County Zoning for many years; and

WHEREAS, the local government officials who live and reside in the counties and communities are best suited to make determinations as to what zoning is best for their community; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 309 & Assembly Bill 399 both call for an amendment to WSS 30.27(3) and to create WSS 30.27 (2)(d) relating to zoning ordinances in the Lower St. Croix Riverway; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 309 & Assembly Bill 399 both prohibit a county and subsequently towns relying on county zoning from implementing its own zoning code; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 309 & Assembly Bill 399 will negatively impact the Town of St. Joseph's rural character and impact the quality of life in the lower St. Croix Riverway by taking zoning control out of the local control; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 309 and Assembly Bill 399 were introduced into the Legislature without any knowledge or advisement by local officials in the towns or counties in whom this property lies and in whom may be affected by the amendment of WSS 30.27 (3) and creation of WSS 30.27(2)(d); and

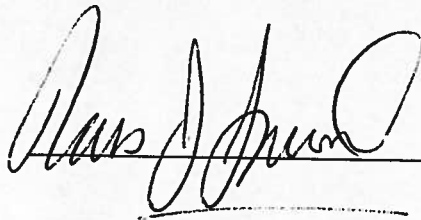
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, it is deemed advisable, useful, beneficial, and in the best interest of the people and the beauty, protection and economic impacts of the Lower St. Croix Scenic Riverway that the Town Board of the Town of St. Joseph strongly oppose Senate Bill 309 and Assembly Bill 399; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Joseph is requesting the Legislature reject the notion that the State begin engaging in rezoning of property and instead allow the County to enforce their own zoning ordinances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Joseph is requesting that it is imperative that the state leaders continue their commitment to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Program and the aesthetic and consequent impacts related to tourism; and

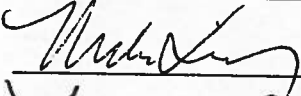
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Joseph is strongly opposed to a non-fiscal bill being incorporated into the Budget Bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of St. Joseph directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Towns Association, our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.

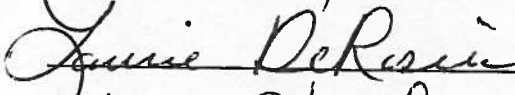


, Thomas J. Spaniol, Town Chair, Town of St. Joseph

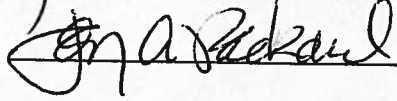
, Steve Bohl, Supervisor #1, Town of St. Joseph



, Mike Long, Supervisor #2, Town of St. Joseph



, Laurie DeRosier, Supervisor #3, Town of St. Joseph



, Joy Packard, Supervisor #4, Town of St. Joseph

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2017-11 passed and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of St. Joseph this 14th day of July, 2017 by a vote of 4 to 0.

