



RUSK COUNTY

RESOLUTION # 21-29
IN SUPPORT OF ADDING A SPECIFIC REFERENCE IN
WIS. STAT. § 70.11(2) TO PROPERTY OWNED BY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSIONS AS EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL			
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19. KEN BROWN			
YB BECCA STRICKLEN			
YB MEGAN VANDOORN			
TOTAL			

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve: Tatur Adopted Defeated

1st Tatur 2nd Hanson

No: _____ Yes: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Finance Director

FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

Certification:

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 25 day of May, 2021 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

Connie Meyer
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County Clerk, Rusk County

1 **WHEREAS**, Regional Planning Commissions are created pursuant to Wis. Stat. §
2 66.0309 by the Governor upon petition of local units of government and are comprised of
3 Counties and other Municipalities located within their defined geographical area, and
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5 **WHEREAS**, Regional Planning Commissions are granted broad powers in order to
6 address the “physical, social and economic development of the region”, which may
7 include holding title to real property for such purposes, and
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9 **WHEREAS**, Member Counties provide funds annually to Regional Planning
10 Commissions for the purpose of meeting operational expenses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §
11 66.0309(14), and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Dissolution of Regional Planning Commissions requires that “all
14 outstanding indebtedness of the commission has been paid and all unexpended funds
15 returned to the local units which supplied them” pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0309(15), and
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17 **WHEREAS**, Regional Planning Commissions are therefore a direct instrument of and
18 created for the benefit of the counties and municipalities that fund them, and
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20 **WHEREAS**, all Real Property, including Real Property owned by Wisconsin Regional
21 Planning Commissions, is subject to the application of Wis. Stat. § 70.11 for the purpose
22 of obtaining property tax exempt status, and
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24 **WHEREAS**, because Wis. Stat. § 70.11(2) specifically references other joint “districts”
25 of communities, such as joint water authorities created under § 66.0823, but not
26 specifically planning commissions created under § 66.0309, ambiguity exists as to
27 whether or not planning commissions qualify for exemption under § 70.11(2), and
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29 **WHEREAS**, Regional Planning Commissions are created by local units of government
30 and its assets are constructively assets of those local units of government.
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32 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that to rectify the existing ambiguity in Wis.
33 Stat. 70.11(2) the following language be added to specifically include Regional Planning
34 Commissions as an additional exemption under this statute: “regional planning
35 commissions created under Wis. Stat. 66.0309”, and
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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Rusk County strongly encourages and supports
38 the State Legislature in amending Wis. Stat. § 70.11(2) to include a specific reference of
39 Regional Planning Commissions as exempt entities for the purpose of real property
40 taxation, and
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42 **BE ALSO RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Wisconsin Counties
43 Association, Senator(s) Petrowski, Representative(s) Edming, and the other members of
44 the Northwest Regional Planning Commission.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rusk County Finance Committee

Randy Tatur
Randy Tatur, Chairman

Mike Hraban
Mike Hraban, Vice Chairman

Tony Hauser
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Dave Willingham
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Thomas Hanson
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