

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02**

**TOWN OF YORKVILLE  
RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED STATE BUDGET SHIFT OF  
LOCAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT TO COUNTYWIDE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT**

**THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF YORKVILLE, RACINE COUNTY, WISCONSIN,  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR), via the state budget process, proposes to change from municipal property assessment to county property assessment that requires 100% assessment of every property every year, and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal will result in unfathomable waste of taxpayer dollars through extraordinary cost increases, and

**WHEREAS**, citizens will be required to travel greater distances to attend Board of Review proceedings held at the county level, and

**WHEREAS**, county-level Boards of Review will no longer be comprised of local residents, which significantly decreases the ability for local knowledge of the real estate market to create accuracy in the assessment process, and

**WHEREAS**, towns, cities and villages are no longer in control of property assessment expenses, as counties will bill local municipalities for services rendered, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal is an unprecedented intrusion into local government, as it requires the state to recommend a salary range for county assessment directors and to work with each county to create a budget and staffing recommendation for each county's property assessment department, and

**WHEREAS**, the DOR cites assessor problems as part of their rationale for this recommendation, but has never revoked an assessor's license, despite having the authority to do so, and

**WHEREAS**, over the last five years, the DOR has required additional work and detailed information from assessors to improve the property assessment process, and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal eliminates private sector jobs and creates public sector jobs, and

**WHEREAS**, the DOR cites that Wisconsin is one of few states that has municipal assessment but fails to consider the strong leadership of Wisconsin citizens, our state's dedication to local input and the absence of town government in other states.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Yorkville, Racine County, Wisconsin, does hereby oppose the implementation of county property assessment in Wisconsin and requests that the proposal to be removed from the state budget, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that towns are and have always been willing to work with the State of Wisconsin, fellow local government groups, and other stakeholders to continually improve the property assessment process, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby directed to post this resolution in three places within thirty days of its adoption, as required by Wisconsin Statutes 60.80(1), and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution take effect the day following its posting.


This resolution was adopted by the Yorkville Town Board on March 9, 2015.

**TOWN OF YORKVILLE**

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

By:   
Peter L. Hansen, Chairperson

Attest:   
Michael McKinney, Clerk-Treasurer