

Kenosha



County

MEMORANDUM

Communication to Kenosha County Board of Supervisors
(For Informational Purposes Only)

COMMUNICATION TO APPEAR ON COUNTY BOARD MEETING AGENDA: 01/16/2024

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Repeal 2022 Policy Resolution 1

COMMITTEE: Choose a Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Supervisor Gentz

RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED AT Choose a Committee **COMMITTEE ON** [Click here to enter a date.](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional):



KENOSHA COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

Subject:			
A Resolution to Repeal 2022 Policy Resolution 1			
Original <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corrected <input type="checkbox"/>	2nd Correction <input type="checkbox"/>	Resubmitted <input type="checkbox"/>
Date Submitted: _____		Date Resubmitted: _____	
Submitted by: Supervisor Gentz			
Fiscal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>		Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Agreement	
Prepared by: Supervisor Jeffrey Gentz		Signature: _____	

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Board, on July 5, 2022, passed Policy Resolution 1, which amended a previously enacted policy related to the carrying of concealed weapons in buildings owned, leased or controlled by the County, and;

WHEREAS, this change was enacted to permit those in possession of a license to lawfully carry a concealed weapon to do so on those buildings owned, leased or controlled by the County if not otherwise prohibited by law, and;

WHEREAS, this was a significant change of a policy which had been in place for more than ten years, and;

WHEREAS, this policy change inspired a great deal of public comment, much of it opposing the change and stating a desire to maintain the prohibition of the possession of concealed weapons in County buildings, and;

WHEREAS, while the County Board and County Administration are the stewards of County buildings, they are owned and maintained by and for the benefit of the citizens of Kenosha County, and;

WHEREAS, it is more than appropriate to ask the citizens of Kenosha County whether they want to have persons carrying concealed weapons into their County Buildings, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 59.52 (25), Wis. Stats., the County Board can adopt a resolution contingent upon its being ratified or approved by Countywide referendum, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does hereby rescind 2022 Policy Resolution 1, generally permitting firearms and electronic weapons legally possessed and carried per Wisconsin State Statutes in any building owned, leased or controlled by the Kenosha County, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 2011 Resolution 63, prohibiting the possession of firearms in County buildings with those exceptions permitted by law, be reinstated as Kenosha County policy, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the enactment of this resolution shall be contingent upon its being approved by the citizens of Kenosha County at a referendum to be conducted during the election to be held on August 13, 2024, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the August 13, 2024 ballot as a contingent referendum question. Question: **Should Kenosha County prohibit the possession of firearms in any building owned, leased or controlled by Kenosha County, except by duly sworn government law enforcement officers? YES _____ NO _____.**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Corporation Counsel prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Kenosha County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with Kenosha County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the August 13, 2024 election at which the question will appear on the ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this ballot referendum be forwarded to Kenosha County's legislative delegation, all other Wisconsin counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association and Governor Evers.

Respectfully submitted at Kenosha County, Wisconsin, this ____ day of _____, 202_.

Supervisor Jeffrey Gentz

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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