

*Kenosha*



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## **MEMORANDUM**

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

***COMMUNICATION TO APPEAR ON COUNTY BOARD MEETING AGENDA: 06/21/2022***

***SUBJECT: Resolution To Support The City Of Kenosha In Raising The Levy In Order To Add Ten Additional Police Officers And Six Additional Fire Fighters.***

***SUBMITTED BY: Supervisor Andy Berg***

***TO BE REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE BY CHAIRMAN***

***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional):***

# KENOSHA COUNTY

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### RESOLUTION NO.

Subject: To support the City of Kenosha in raising the levy in order to add ten additional police officers and six additional fire fighters	
Original <input type="checkbox"/> Corrected <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Correction <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmitted <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date Submitted: 6/13/2022	Date Resubmitted:
Submitted By: Supervisor Andy Berg	
Fiscal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Prepared By: Andy Berg	Signature:

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has imposed limits on town, village, city, and county property tax levies for the 2023 fiscal year under Wis. Stat. 66.0602; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. sec 66.0602 limits the increase for the 2023 fiscal year to the local property tax levy, to no more than a percentage equal to the percentage change in equalized value due to new construction less improvements removed; which for the City of Kenosha is estimated by the Department of Revenue to be 2.654%; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County believes it is in the city's best interest to exceed the state levy limits as described above by a greater percentage than 2.654% as estimated by the Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, adding ten additional police officers with associated equipment will enhance the police department's response and preventative responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, adding six additional firefighter positions with associated equipment will enhance the fire department's response and preventative responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, raising the statutory levy limit will allow the City to enhance these protective services, which are essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Kenosha; and

WHEREAS, over three quarters of the county residents rely on the equipment and services provided by both our police and fire; and

WHEREAS, Pleasant Prairie also voted to approve a referendum to add twelve firefighters and paramedics along with four police officers; and

WHEREAS, it is also the Kenosha County Board of Supervisor's responsibility to support measures that increase and improve services to our residents; and

WHEREAS, supporting the City of Kenosha only helps the entirety of the county because of added resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does support the referendum and increase in the city tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) to exceed the state levy limit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kenosha County Board of Supervisors supports the continued effort of any municipality within the borders of the county to bring the necessary resources of fire and police to the aid of our residents:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk send a copy of this approved resolution to the City of Kenosha to show the support of the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor Andy Berg