

**Town of Pleasant Valley  
Eau Claire County  
Resolution No. 22-16-13  
Request that the State Legislature Modify Levy Limits**

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to control and reduce the annual increase in property tax rates, the State of Wisconsin in 2006 imposed property tax levy limits on municipal and county governments; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011 the State modified the levy limit requirement by allowing local governments an annual increase in the property tax levy based upon a percentage of the value of net new construction; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Town of Pleasant Valley, the allowable increase to the tax levy attributable to the annual percentage increase in the value of net new construction fails to sufficiently fund annual increases in operational costs for the Town of Pleasant Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, 2010 census data indicates that the population of the Town of Pleasant Valley was 3044. According to the census numbers released by the Wisconsin Department of Administration for the 2020 population, 3791 individuals now reside in the Town of Pleasant Valley, resulting in an 25% net gain in Town population since the 2010 census; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 – 2020 increase in Wisconsin's consumer price index (CPI) averages out to a 1.57% annual increase, according to data compiled by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the upswing in population is causing an increase in demand for additional services; most notably Fire Protection, Ambulance Service and the Highway Department; and

**WHEREAS**, along with all other Wisconsin Towns, the Town of Pleasant Valley continues to experience annual operational cost increases, led primarily by higher fuel, material, insurance and labor costs as indicated by the annual rate of increase in the CPI; and

**WHEREAS**, all other sources of Town revenues, including the annual allowable increase in the property tax levy, have now proven to be insufficient to fund annual operational cost increases; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no reliable means other than the annual tax levy to fund for the demand for services caused by the population increase, and to fund for the annual increases in the CPI as experienced by the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, all Towns located within Wisconsin are all experiencing similar operational cost funding shortfalls.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Pleasant Valley at a monthly Town Board meeting this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 that we hereby request the Wisconsin State Legislature to consider the following modifications to the levy limits imposed upon Wisconsin municipal governments:

1. Permit all units of municipal government who have experienced an increase in population since the 2010 census, a onetime allowable increase to the town's base levy amount of no more than 10% above their adopted 2022 property tax levy.

2. Also permit an annual allowable increase in the property tax levy based upon the existing formula of a percentage of the annual increase in the value of net new construction plus the annual overall percentage increase in the Wisconsin consumer price index as compiled annually by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers, to all of the state legislators representing the Town and to the Wisconsin Towns Association.

SUBMITTED BY:

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DAN HANSON, CHAIRMAN

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JENNIFER MEYER, CLERK/TREASURER