

RESOLUTION R – 4 – 10

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 661 TO REPEAL STATE STATUTE REQUIRING
MINIMUM EXPENDITURES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

INTRODUCED BY ALDERMEN ROUSH AND HENDRICKS

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 661 proposes to repeal Sec. 79.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes relating to county and municipal expenditures for emergency services (police and fire), and

WHEREAS, Sec. 79.07, commonly referred to as the Maintenance of Effort measure, provides that the amount that each county and municipality spends each year for emergency services that are funded from shared revenue must be no less than the amount spent in the previous year, and

WHEREAS, Local communities are struggling with the budgetary impacts of unfunded state mandates and cuts in state revenue sharing and;

WHEREAS, Local governments are best equipped to understand and respond to local needs, and

WHEREAS, Legislative initiatives such as the Maintenance of Effort measure, which was inserted into the state's 2010 budget act, should only be passed after open debate and testimony from those affected, including local officials responsible for making decisions in the best interests of those who elected them.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Common Council of the City of Menasha supports the passage of Assembly Bill 661, which is an act to repeal 79.07 of the statutes, as created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Upon passage of this resolution, the City Clerk is instructed to forward same to State Senator Michael Ellis and Assembly Representative Dean Kaufert.

Passed and approved this day of , 2010.

Donald Merkes, Mayor

Attest:

Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 661

January 21, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives GOTTLIEB, ZIEGELBAUER, ZIGMUNT, STRACHOTA, LEMAHIEU, BROOKS, VOS, KLEEFISCH, KESTELL, TOWNSEND, A. OTT, PETROWSKI, RIPP, HONADEL, GUNDERSON and KNODL, cosponsored by Senators ELLIS, OLSEN, DARLING, LAZICH and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 AN ACT *to repeal* 79.07 of the statutes; relating to: county and municipal
2 expenditures for emergency services.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, beginning in 2010, the amount that each county and municipality spends each year for emergency services that are funded from county and municipal aid payments (shared revenue) must be no less than the amount that the county or municipality spent in 2009 for emergency services funded from shared revenue. This bill repeals that requirement.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 SECTION 1. 79.07 of the statutes, as created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28, is
4 repealed.

5 (END)