



Resolution 2017-26

Opposing a Proposal to Create a New State Enforcement Office for Alcohol Licenses

Whereas, proposed legislation has been circulated to be added to the 2017-2019 State Biennium Budget, which would tighten the definition of the three-tier system and limit the growth of the Wisconsin beverage industry; and

Whereas, the manufacturing leg of the three-tier system have claimed to have been left out of discussions regarding amending Section 125 of the Wisconsin State Statutes; and

Whereas, all three tiers – manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers – should all have a say in amending legislation which largely dates back to 1934; and

Whereas, the Department of Revenue already has staff dedicated to regulating the alcohol beverage industry in Wisconsin and has released a statement saying that the agency is “capable of handling enforcement of state alcohol and tobacco laws” and that the majority of enforcement happens at the local municipal level; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation does not specify the existing problems that the proposed Office of Alcohol Beverages Enforcement would be created to alleviate; and

Whereas, the creation of the Office of Alcohol Beverages Enforcement without reason is an unnecessary expansion of government and a stifle of economic growth on an industry led by entrepreneurs and small business owners; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation has not been sponsored by any specific lawmaker and should be kept out of the budget by special interest groups.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Village of Allouez, formally requests that the proposed legislation be kept out of the 2017-2019 State Biennium Budget proposal and be discussed as a standalone bill, with all interested and affected parties represented in the discussion.

Passed and Approved by the Village Board on this 20th day of June, 2017

James F. Rafter, Village President

Attest:

Debbie Baenen, Village Clerk