



# City of West Allis

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

## Resolution

**File Number: R-2013-0054**

**Sponsor(s):** Advisory Committee

**Final Action:**

MAR 19 2013

Resolution establishing the City of West Allis Legislative Package for the 2013-2014 State of Wisconsin Legislative Session.

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Legislature is now back in session for the 2013-2014 Biennium; and,

WHEREAS, the State Legislature will be considering much legislation that will affect the City either positively or negatively; and,

WHEREAS, during the State Legislative session, the City's Legislative Committee meets regularly to review and comment on proposed legislation; and,

WHEREAS, for the last biennial session or two, the City's Legislative Committee has developed the City's own set of legislative ideas and priorities for consideration by the State Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to again develop a Legislative Package for presentation to the Governor, State Assembly, State Senate, and our area representatives and senators.

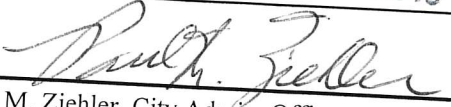
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that the attached City of West Allis Legislative Package for the 2013-2014 State of Wisconsin Legislative Session be and is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that the City Administrative Officer, Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to provide copies of said legislative package to Governor Walker, State Assembly and State Senate leaders, area representatives and senators, and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

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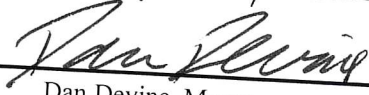
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Paul M. Ziehler, City Admin. Officer, Clerk/Treas.

APPROVED

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Dan Devine, Mayor

**City of West Allis  
Legislative Package  
2013-2014 State of Wisconsin Legislative Session**

The following legislative proposals are suggested for enactment by the State of Wisconsin during its 2013-2014 Biennial Session.

1. Revenues
  - Continue the State Shared Revenues and Expenditure Restraint Program and increase funding levels.
  - Provide more local revenue options to reduce reliance on property taxes.
2. Transportation
  - Continue the State programs of transportation aids, including state highway aids and state connecting highway aids and increase funding levels.
  - Modify the aids formula to provide additional funding to municipalities that are fully developed with higher per lane miles of roads and very old infrastructure.
  - Improve funding for alternate forms of transportation, including rail, transit, and bicycling.
3. Spending and Tax Levy Limits
  - Eliminate spending and tax levy limits for municipalities. If limits are not eliminated, then maintain spending limit at CPI and change levy limit to CPI.
4. Property Tax Exemptions
  - Reduce number and scope of property tax exemptions that shift the burden of paying for municipal services to residential property owners.
5. Municipal Labor Relations
  - Establish WI FMLA regulations to be the same as federal FMLA.
  - Require protective service union members to be subject to the same legislation as that imposed on non-protective service union members (i.e., WI Acts 10/32 mandates).
  - Establish WI healthcare mandates/regulations to be same as federal (such as mental health parity).
  - Establish WI employment law mandates/regulations to be same as federal (such as WFEA in line with all applicable federal laws).
  - Prohibit final offers submitted by (Police & Fire) unions from exceeding the City's allowable spending and levy limits.
  - Prohibit arbitration from using comparable wage and benefit increases in other cities when choosing between the two final offers (Police & Fire unions).
  - Require an arbitrator to favor the final offer that best matches the economic and budget conditions of the City (Police & Fire unions).
  - Prohibit the arbitrator from considering the City's fund balances when choosing the final offer (Police & Fire unions).

6. State Mandates

- Eliminate the maintenance of efforts for public safety and emergency services.
- Eliminate the maintenance of efforts for libraries; substitute an alternative rule that would continue to ensure basic levels of library financing for participants in federated library systems.
- Reduce State employment laws on sexual harassment, workers compensation, unemployment compensation, FMLA, etc. down to the level of federal laws.
- Relax the water quality standards that limit the amount of phosphorus allowed in wastewater treatment plant effluent.
- Reduce DOT rules and regulations for transportation projects to improve design timeframe.
- Provide full funding for recycling mandates; reduce tipping fees.
- Provide for the allowable increase of beer license fees from \$100 to \$500 and liquor license fees from \$500 to \$2,500.
- Support true early voting instead of in-person absentee voting.
- Restore corroboration for voter registration.
- Restore municipalities' ability to redistrict before the State redistricts.
- Support independent agency, i.e., G.A.B. or Legislative Reference Bureau, to administer redistricting for the State.
- Support charging for redaction time relative to open record requests.
- Provide the mandated funding level of 13% (now 8%) for public library system aids.
- Modify State library laws to specify and clarify the powers of a federated system and local library boards.
- Increase maximum allowable municipal court fees.
- Preserve a municipality's ability to utilize utility PILOTS to its fullest
- Require State agencies to provide timely and dependable financial information which is critical to municipal budget preparation.
- Prohibit State agencies from deleting or reducing municipal aid payments after local budgets are adopted.
- Recognize and provide direct funding for Milwaukee Central Library as a State resource library.

7. Development

- Provide financial incentives for older city, brownfield TIFs.
- Change condemnation law to allow property owner to accept eminent domain/condemnation offer, but allow at a later date the ability to litigate the amount, including attorney fees.
- Invest in programs that support foreclosure prevention, intervention, and neighborhood stabilization.

7. Development Cont'd.

- Support legislation that would allow the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to lower the base value of a specific property within a TIF district when that subject property has been vacant for an extended period of time; when it has been damaged by a natural disaster; or where the property's redevelopment progress has been stalled by market conditions.
- Develop a robust innovative "Seed and Growth Capital" program that complements Wisconsin's forward thinking culture and supports entrepreneurial activities.
- Support workforce training programs.
- Support tax credit portability and create an income tax credit transfer program that can be used to enhance Wisconsin's business development and job creation activities.

8. Safety

- Fund crime prevention programs; remove barriers to crime reduction.
- Fund domestic and sexual assault service programs.
- Provide funding and/or financial options for paramedics.

9. Public Works

- Support environmental and sustainability programs.
- Provide funding for stormwater maintenance projects.
- Provide funding for Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive pests response.
- Provide funding or funding options for parks/culture, etc.



March 27, 2013

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Dear Governor Walker:

Enclosed is a copy of City of West Allis Resolution R-2013-0054 establishing the City of West Allis Legislative Package for the 2013-2014 State of Wisconsin Legislative Session and a copy of the City of West Allis Legislative Package. The resolution was adopted by the West Allis Common Council on March 19, 2013.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Ziehler  
City Administrative Officer, Clerk/Treasurer

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cc: Dan Thompson, Executive Director, League of Municipalities  
Honorable Michael Ellis, Senate President  
Honorable Robin Vos, Speaker of the WI State Assembly  
Honorable Scott Fitzgerald, Thirteenth Senate District  
Honorable Chris Larson, Seventh Senate District  
Representative Scott Suder, Sixty-ninth Assembly District  
Honorable Peter Barca, Sixty-fourth Assembly District  
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Honorable Joe Sanfelippo, Fifteenth Assembly District  
Members of the Joint Committee on Finance  
Kevin Kennedy, Director and General Counsel, WI Government Accountability Board  
Legislative Reference Bureau