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**VIA EMAIL**

August 1, 2017

Office of Governor Scott Walker  
PO Box 7863  
Madison WI 53707

Dear Governor Walker:

Enclosed is a copy of City of West Allis Resolution R-2017-0068 establishing the City of West Allis Legislative Package for the 2017-2018 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 July 11, 2017.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Grill,  
City Administrator

RG:jfw  
Enclosure

cc: Jerry Deschane, Executive Director, League of Wisconsin Municipalities  
Honorable Roger Roth, Senate President  
Honorable Robin Vos, Speaker of the WI State Assembly  
Honorable Scott Fitzgerald, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jennifer Shilling, Senate Minority Leader  
Honorable Jim Steineke, Assembly Majority Leader  
Honorable Peter Barca, Assembly Minority Leader  
Honorable Tim Carpenter, Third Senate District  
Honorable Leah Vukmir, Fifth Senate District  
Honorable Daniel Riemer, Seventh Assembly District  
Honorable Rob Hutton, Thirteenth Assembly District  
Honorable Joe Sanfelippo, Fifteenth Assembly District  
Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance  
West Allis City Clerk



# City of West Allis

Resolution: R-2017-0068

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

**File Number: R-2017-0068**

**Final Action:**

**Sponsor(s):** Advisory Committee

Resolution establishing the City of West Allis Legislative Package for the 2017-18 State of Wisconsin Legislative Session.

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin Legislature is now back in session for the 2017-2018 Biennium; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature will be considering legislation which has an effect on the operations of the City; and

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

WHEREAS, the City's Legislative Committee develops the City's Legislative Package 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 2017-2018 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 Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to communicate details of said legislative package to Governor Walker, State Assembly and State Senate leaders, area representatives and senators, and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

ADM/ORDRES/ADVR2017.04.032117

ADOPTED

July 11, 2017

APPROVED

7/20/17

Monica Schultz

Monica Schultz, City Clerk

Dan Devine

Dan Devine, Mayor



## City of West Allis - Legislative Priorities for the 2017-18 State of Wisconsin Legislative Session

The following legislative proposals are requested for consideration and enactment by the State of Wisconsin during its 2017-2018 Biennial Session.

### 1. **Community Sustainability and Success**

- Limit the expansion of property tax exemptions that shift the burden of paying for municipal services to residential property owners (i.e., dark store legislation).
- Maintain the funding levels and/or provide for sustainability of the personal property tax program (i.e., if current legislation is adopted, ensure the sustained full funding of the state aid which will replace such payments or citizens will be directly affected through increase taxes or loss/reduction of city services).
- Enact legislation which revises the levy limit calculation to adjust with CPI changes.
- Preserve Beat Patrol and Traffic Grant programs which provide the ability to sustain foot patrol and traffic enforcement (OWI, speed and seatbelt violations) programs and have a positive impact on the reduction of crime.

### 2. **Government Reform and Accountability**

- Enact legislation which provides for the increase of beer license fees from \$100 to \$500 and liquor license fees from \$500 to \$2,500; fees have not been increased since 1930's and these limits do not provide the ability to recoup the increased administrative costs.
- Prohibit final offers submitted in collective bargaining from exceeding a municipality's allowable spending and levy limits.
- Enact legislation which eliminates overtime in calculations for retirement benefits with ETF.