



RESOLUTION # 18-7/18

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 7-12
BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 17
Against: 8
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 4
Vote Req: —
Other Action: —

JUDICIARY & LAW COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 1
Abs/Excd: 0

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 7
Against: 1
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 2

RE: ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

WHEREAS, in a 2016 poll, 59 percent of Wisconsinites said that marijuana should be "fully legalized and regulated like alcohol," and recent polls show a majority of Americans favor legalization of adult recreational use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have legalized adult personal use of marijuana, and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of marijuana, while Vermont and the District of Columbia have legalized limited personal possession and cultivation of marijuana by adults; and

WHEREAS, in 2006; pursuant to §59.54(25), La Crosse amended County ordinance §9.16 to provide that possession of small amounts of marijuana, 25 grams or less, would be treated as an ordinance violation punishable by a fine rather than as a misdemeanor under the criminal code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §59.52(25), the Board can conduct a county-wide advisory referendum; and

WHEREAS, a county-wide advisory referendum on the issue of the legalization of marijuana would provide guidance to the state legislature as to the will of the La Crosse County electorate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Crosse County Board hereby directs the County Clerk to place the question set forth below on the November 6, 2018 ballot as an advisory referendum:

"Should the State of Wisconsin legalize the use of marijuana by adults 21 years or older, to be taxed and regulated in the same manner that alcohol is regulated in the State of Wisconsin, with proceeds from the taxes used for education, healthcare, and infrastructure?"

- a. Yes
- b. No

FISCAL NOTE: Approximately \$3,000 for the preparation and noticing of the referendum ballot.

Date: July 10, 2018

[Signature]
JUDICIARY AND LAW CHAIR

[Signature]
RECORDING CLERK

Date: July 11, 2018

[Signature]
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

[Signature]
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	_____	_____	Requested By: Executive Committee Date Requested: June 21, 2018 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____	
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	_____	
Board Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of July, 2018

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19th day of July 2018.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk