

2 **RESOLUTION: Authorize Winnebago County Planning Department to Develop**
3 **Supervisory Districts based on a County Board Size Comprised of 28**
4 **Supervisors**

7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to state and federal law, Winnebago County Is required to amend the size of County
9 supervisory districts every ten (10) years to comply with the "equal representation" requirements placed upon local
10 governmental units by the United States Supreme Court; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the over-riding objective of the equal representation requirement is the creation of substantial
13 equality of the population in each individual district so that the weight given to the vote of any one citizen is
14 approximately equal to the weight of that of any other citizen in any other supervisory district within the county; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, actual population figures from the 2020 U.S Census will be provided by the federal government
17 and the State of Wisconsin to Winnebago County by September 2021; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, once census population figures are provided to Winnebago County, Winnebago County
20 normally has sixty (60) days to forward a preliminary supervisory district plan to cities, villages and towns within
21 Winnebago County; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, in keeping with the equal representation requirement, it is necessary that the total population of
24 Winnebago County be divided into supervisory districts of approximately equal size; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, your undersigned Committee believes that no district should exceed the quotient of the total
27 population of Winnebago County divided by the number of supervisory districts by more or less than 5%; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, your undersigned Committee believes that it is of the utmost importance that the Winnebago
30 County Planning Department be provided direction immediately in order that it may begin work as soon as possible
31 with regard to drawing new supervisory district boundaries.

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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
34 authorizes the Winnebago County Planning Department to draft preliminary County Board Supervisory District
35 boundaries as soon as it is possible based on a county board size comprised of 28 supervisors and that the size of
36 said supervisory districts be within 5% of the quotient of the total population of Winnebago County divided by the
37 number supervisory districts authorized.

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that there shall be 28
40 supervisory districts created within Winnebago County.

42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that there shall be no splitting
43 of census blocks in preparing said supervisory districts.

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45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that natural boundary lines,
46 such as roads, river and streams, shall be used whenever possible in creating supervisory districts and municipal
47 boundaries.

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49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that all districts shall be
50 composed of naturally contiguous territories and shall be designed in a geographically compact manner.

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52 Respectfully submitted by:

53 **JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

54 Committee Vote: **5-0**

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57 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present.**

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59 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2021.

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62 Jonathan D. Doemel
63 Winnebago County Executive
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