

RESOLUTION 9-25**In the Matter of Authorizing an Exception to the Levy Limits for Charges for Western Lakes Fire District
Pursuant to 2005 Wisconsin Act 484**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ottawa is a participating member of the Western Lakes Fire District under the Western Lakes Intermunicipal Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature has enacted 2005 Wisconsin Act 484 on May 30, 2006, published on June 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Act 484 creates Section 66.0602(3)(h), Wis. Stats., which statute provides that levy limits otherwise applicable do not apply to the amount that a town may levy in that year to pay for charges assessed by a joint fire department to the extent that the amount levied to pay for such charges would cause the town to exceed the limits imposed under Section 66.0602, Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the exception to the levy limit applies only if the total charges assessed by the joint fire department for the current year increase, relative to the total charges assessed for the previous year, by a percentage that is less than or equal to the percentage change in the US Consumer Price Index for all urban customers, US city average, as determined by the US Department of Labor for the 12 months ending on August 31 of the year of the levy, plus 2%; and

WHEREAS, the exception to levy limits under Act 484 further only applies if the governing body of each city, village and town served by the Western Lakes Fire District adopts a resolution in favor of exceeding such levy limit as may be applicable;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ottawa hereby authorizes a levy for charges assessed by the joint fire department which exceeds the limit as described and imposed by Section 66.0602, Wis. Stats., but only to the extent as authorized by Section 66.0602(3)(h)2a, Wis. Stats., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall not be construed as authorizing Western Lakes Fire District to adopt any particular budget, but rather that the Act 484 budget formula shall be deemed a maximum limit on any budget increase which is duly adopted under all applicable procedures and requirements of the Western Lakes Intermunicipal Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Ottawa, this 10th day of September 2025.


Cheryl Rupp, Town Chairman

Attest:


Lori Geyman, Town Clerk