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Committee: Library Board of Trustees	Date: 6/13/2019
Common Council Item Number: ID# 19-1198	Date: 9/3/2019
Submitted By: Bruce Gay, Library Director	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator
Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BR
Subject: Review and Act on a Resolution to certify 2020 Municipal Library spending to exempt the City of Waukesha from the Waukesha County Library Tax.	

Details:

At their June 13, 2019 meeting, the Library Board of Trustees certified that the Waukesha Public Library has met the required Waukesha County Library Standards and exceeded the Library Service Effort Ratio and is therefore eligible for exemption from the Waukesha County Library Levy 2019 tax for 2020 purposes. Waukesha County also requires a resolution approved by the Library Municipality's governing body that the Municipality will fund the library at the rate of \$0.258675 per \$1,000 of the actual state Equalized Value amount for the community that was published by the state on August 15, 2019. To meet this standard, the 2020 Minimum Municipal Library Appropriation must be greater than \$1,668,232. Passage of this resolution will exempt the City of Waukesha from the County Library Tax.

Options & Alternatives:

Failure to certify City spending on the Library would result in an additional County tax on City of Waukesha residents.

Financial Remarks:

Failure to pass this motion would result in an added county tax for library services to the residents of the City of Waukesha. An additional \$1,137,239 would be taxed to residents in addition to the municipal taxes for library services already levied; since the municipality is well above the minimum funding level, exemption allows for the library to be funded with city taxes and saves the residents from paying both a city and a county tax.

Executive Recommendation:

City Administrator recommends approving resolution certifying Municipal spending to exempt from County Library Tax.

