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| Committee: Waukesha Public Library Board of Trustees | Date: 8/26/2016 |
| Common Council Item Number: 16-1356 | Date: 09/06/2016 |
| Submitted By: Grant C. Lynch, Executive Library Director | City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator |
| Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director | City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney |
| Subject: Notice of Exemption from Waukesha County Library Levy 2016 | |

Details:

At their July 14, 2016 meeting, the Waukesha Public Library Board of Trustees certified that the 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 2016 tax for 2017 purposes.

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. 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. The minimum levy to qualify for this exemption is \$0.000283021, or \$1,592,741 provided in funding.

Executive Recommendation:

Since the municipal appropriation is \$2,472,970 (\$880,229 higher than the minimum levy required by law), the staff recommendation is for the notification for exemption to be approved by the Municipality's governing body, signed, dated, and returned to the Bridges Library System (formerly, the Waukesha County Federated Library System) no later than September 30, 2016.

Committee Recommendation:

The motion was made and approved on July 9, 2015 (ID: 16-1115) as the Library Board of Trustees supports the exemption from double-taxation for library services to the residents of the City of Waukesha.



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Certifying Library Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2017

Whereas Wisconsin Statutes §43.64 authorizes counties to levy a tax to provide funds for public library service and to include such tax in the total taxes levied under Wis. Stats. §70.62(1); and

Whereas Wis. Stats. §43.64(2)(b) allows a city to be exempted from such county library tax provided the city certifies to the county that the city levies a tax and expends an amount for public library service at least equal to an amount calculated by applying a formula stated in that statute; and

Whereas the Bridges Library System has performed the calculation of the minimum city library tax levy necessary in 2017 for exemption from the county library tax pursuant to Wis. Stats. §43.64(2)(b), and provided that figure to the City of Waukesha; and

Whereas that figure is \$1,592,741.00;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Common Council for the City of Waukesha certifies to Waukesha County and the Bridges Library System that the City's 2017 tax levy for public library services, and expenditures for its library fund, will exceed \$1,592,741.00.

Adopted by the Common Council the 6th day of September, 2016.

Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor

Attest:

Gina L. Kozlik, City Clerk