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Committee: Library Board of Trustees	Date: 8/17/2020
Common Council Item Number: Click here to enter text.	Date: 8/17/2020
Submitted By: Bruce Gay, Library Director	City Administrator Approval: Click here to enter text.
Finance Department Review:	City Attorney's Office Review: Click here to enter text.
Subject: Review and Act on a Resolution to certify 2021 Municipal Library spending to exempt the City of Waukesha from the Waukesha County Library Tax.	

Details:
 At their August 13, 2020 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 tax for 2021 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 \$0.245221 per \$1,000 of the actual state Equalized Value amount for the community that was published by the state on August 14, 2020. To meet this standard, the 2021 Minimum Municipal Library Appropriation must be greater than \$1,661,582. The current 2021 budget request includes a \$2,790,447 municipal appropriation for the library. 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. The library will receive \$1,150,594 from Waukesha County in 2021 for services to residents of communities without libraries; City residents would be liable to be taxed for services at other County libraries if this resolution fails to pass. 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.



