



# KENOSHA COUNTY

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

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| Subject:<br><b>Resolution to Conduct Countywide Advisory Referendum<br/>on Permitting Concealed Weapons in County Buildings</b> |                                    |  |                                      |
| Original <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | Corrected <input type="checkbox"/> | 2nd Correction <input type="checkbox"/>                | Resubmitted <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Date Submitted: _____   |                                    | Date Resubmitted: _____                                |                                      |
| Submitted by: Supervisor Gentz  |                                    |  |                                      |
| Fiscal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>   |                                    | Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Agreement |                                      |
| Prepared by: Supervisor Jeff Gentz  |                                    | Signature: _____                                       |                                      |

**WHEREAS**, the Kenosha County Board recently amended a policy which had been in place for more than a decade and which prohibited any carrying of weapons within County Buildings except by law enforcement officials, and;

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Kenosha County, through their written communications and their verbal communications during citizen comments seem to have a majority opposed to this change, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is important for elected representatives to have the input of their constituents, particularly when considering changing such a long-standing policy, and;

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the fact that the Board has made the change it is nonetheless appropriate to gauge the opinion of the citizenry on this issue, and;

**WHEREAS**, this is particularly true as this policy impacts not only County employees and officials but everyone who may have cause to visit any County building, and;

**WHEREAS**, bearing all that in mind, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors desires to hear the views of the public on this important matter; and subsection 59.52 (25) of the Wisconsin Statutes permits the County Board of Supervisors to conduct a countywide referendum for advisory purposes, and;

**WHEREAS**, an advisory referendum provides a way for the public to express its views on whether they support the amending of the previously existing policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled will place the following question on the November 8, 2022 ballot as an advisory referendum question.

Question: Should the Kenosha County Board allow firearms and electronic weapons legally possessed and carried per Wis. Stat. § 175.60 to be allowed in any building or any grounds owned, leased, or controlled by Kenosha County, per Wis. Stat. § 175.60(16)(a) excluding the Kenosha County courthouse, public safety building, jail, detention center, pre-trial building, and Molinaro Building? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors directs Corporation Counsel to prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published by the Kenosha County Clerk in accordance with statutory requirements, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with Kenosha County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the November 8, 2022 election at which the question will appear on the ballot, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this ballot referendum shall be forwarded to Kenosha County's legislative delegation, all other Wisconsin counties, the Wisconsin Counties Association and Governor Evers.

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Supervisor Jeff Gentz

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:**

Aye    Nay    Abstain    Excused

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