

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-22

A Resolution Opposing Charter Towns

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 36 proposes the creation of hybrid local governments known as charter towns; and

WHEREAS, charter towns would prohibit municipalities from exercising their extraterritorial planning, zoning and plat approval powers within any adjacent charter towns; and

WHEREAS, freezing municipal borders and closing off a municipality from the growth in tax base occurring on its fringe will greatly exacerbate tax rate disparities between municipalities and surrounding towns and may lead to the demise of the urban center; and

WHEREAS, SB 36 would allow “super” charter towns to prohibit a municipality from acquiring land in the town, even by gift, for parks, municipal wells, wastewater treatment plants, streets, and sewer extensions or any other public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the bill would create a new hybrid municipality at a time when Wisconsin already has an excessive number of local governments which would add to the problems of service duplication and overlap and does not promote the Smart Growth concept.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, for the reasons stated above, opposes legislation that would create charter towns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Jim Doyle, State Senator Glenn Grothman and State Representative Mark Gottlieb, local media and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Passed and adopted this 16th day of April 2007.

Gregory P. Myers, Mayor

Attest:

Sandra M. Ingram, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Kaye K. Vance, City Attorney