RESOLUTION #77-2016

Resolution offered by Supervisor Bob Mott & Supervisor Jack Sorensen

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, due to recent changes by the State Legislature by Wisconsin Acts 55, 167 & 391 Oneida County is in the process of repealing and re-creating the Oneida County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, one of the current changes to the Oneida County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is to allow for boathouses up to 1080 square feet; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County has over 1100 lakes, rivers, and streams and contains one of the highest concentrations of natural lakes in the world; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County understands the importance of clear, clean, and healthy lakes; and

WHEREAS, increased runoff from larger structures with more impervious surfaces and the runoff caused by these surfaces leads to reduced water clarity; and

WHEREAS, reduced water clarity of just three (3) feet has been shown to reduce waterfront property value of $20,000 per 100 foot lot; and

WHEREAS, 76 percent of Oneida County's assessed value comes from lakefront property and reduced lakefront value would lead to reduced tax collections in towns and the county; and

WHEREAS, reduced waterfront habitat caused by larger structures means fewer natural creatures like frogs, loons, and other waterside creatures; and

WHEREAS, hard surfaces reduces the ability of soil to filter runoff of naturally occurring phosphorous in the soil leading to higher algae blooms and reduced water clarity; and

WHEREAS, runoff can carry silt that covers spawning areas and leads to reduced fish production; and

WHEREAS, when the impervious surface percentage on a shoreline goes past 12 percent , fish numbers in adjoining waters plummet; and

WHEREAS, impervious surfaces closer to the water have a greater impact than those farther away; and

WHEREAS, the average boathouse size of 28 counties in a recent survey is 349 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the size of the boathouse is one thing left in local control; and

WHEREAS, a smaller footprint on the shoreline reduces future conflicts with building setbacks for drainfields, wells, etc. on smaller lots; and

WHEREAS, future owners may not like large boathouses blocking their lake view and thus reducing marketability; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County should limit the size of boathouses to 480 square feet; and

WHEREAS, in proposed changes to the Oneida County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 9, Article 9.94 should be changed to limit the size of a boathouse to 480 square feet; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning & Development Committee shall amend Chapter 9, Article 9.94 of the proposed changes to the Oneida County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to limit boathouses to 480 square feet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning and Development Committee shall hold the statutorily required public hearing on the aforementioned ordinance amendment with the language limiting boathouses to 480 square feet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning and Development Committee shall bring the Ordinance Amendment to the full County Board after the public hearing with a recommendation on the proposed change.

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ ¾ Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date: _____

Approved by the Supervisors Bob Mott & Supervisor Jack Sorensen this _____day of November, 2016.

Consent Agenda Item: _____YES ___X___NO

Offered and passage moved by: _____
Supervisor

_____
Supervisor

Seconded by _____

_____ Ayes

_____ Nays

_____ Absent

_____Abstain

_____ Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this _____ day _____ , 2016.

_____ Defeated

_____ _____

Mary Bartelt, County Clerk David Hintz, County Board Chair