

RESOLUTION 18-08

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 379

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 379 has been introduced at the request of the City of St. Croix Falls to designate the City to be declared as a "premier resort area";

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. Secs. 66.113 and 77.994 allow local municipalities and counties to adopt a "premier resort area tax" of one-half of a percent (0.5%) on qualifying sales of goods and services to offset the costs of infrastructure expenses;

WHEREAS, passage of Assembly Bill 379 would allow the citizens of the City of St. Croix Falls to consider a referendum for the purposes of adoption of a "premier resort area tax"; and

WHEREAS, the funds raised from the "premier resort area tax" within the City of St. Croix Falls would be from residents of the entirety of Polk County with benefit to only a portion of the citizens of Polk County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors opposes Assembly Bill 379 and all similar legislative initiatives that allow local municipalities to adopt a "premier resort area tax".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Polk County's representatives at the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Funding Amount: None

Funding Source: None.

Date Finance Committee Advised: Not applicable

Effective Date: Upon passage

Approved as to form:

Jeffrey B. Fuge  
Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

Date submitted to County Board: March 11, 2008

County Board Action: Adopted.

SUBMITTED BY:

Larry Jepsen

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# *Polk County Towns Association*

A UNIT OF THE WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION

1605 200<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Croix Falls, WI 54024  
February 8, 2008

Mr. Larry Jepsen, chairman  
Polk County Board of Supervisors  
100 Polk County Plaza  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Dear Larry:

**RE: AB379 – Designating the City of St. Croix Falls as a “Premier Resort Area” with Taxing Authority**

Enclosed is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Polk County Towns Association at it Winter quarterly meeting held last Thursday.

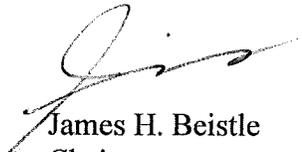
The Polk County Towns Association would like the Polk County Board to adopt a similar stance in opposition to this bill as, if passed, would allow the City of St. Croix Falls to charge an additional one-half of a percent tax on the sale and use of goods and services.

As we are all aware, the vast majority of commercial business in the City is from residents of the surround area. Why should we pay for the development of the City!

I am not sure on how to proceed with this; that is why I am sending the resolution to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the address above, by phone at 646-2408, or email at

Sincerely,



James H. Beistle  
Chairperson

Enclosure

# **Polk County Towns Association**

A UNIT OF THE WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION

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## **A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE REQUEST BY THE CITY OF ST. CROIX FALLS TO BE DESIGNATED A “PREMIER RESORT AREA”**

WHEREAS Wisconsin Statutes 66.1113 and 77.994 allow local municipalities and counties to adopt a “premier resort area tax” of one-half of a percent (0.5%) on qualifying sales of goods and services to offset the costs of “infrastructure expenses”, and

WHEREAS at the request of the City of St. Croix Falls a bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin State Assembly to designate the City to be declared a “premier resort area” and be entitled to assess the permitted sales tax, and

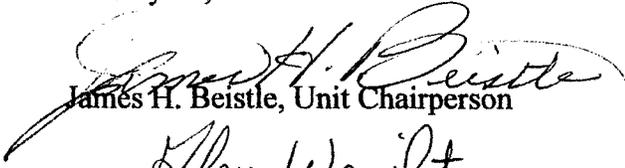
WHEREAS the vast majority of sales of goods and services are to local citizens of Polk County and not the traditional tourist;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Towns Association opposes the legislative initiative to declare that the City of St. Croix Falls be designated a “premier resort area”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of the State Legislature, both Senate and Assembly, urging them to oppose this proposed designation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Polk County Board of Supervisors for their consideration and support in opposing this legislation.

January 31, 2008

  
James H. Beistle, Unit Chairperson

  
Attest: Glen Wright, Secretary