

ENROLLED ORDINANCE 181-42

ADOPT BIENNIAL BUDGET PROCESS BEGINNING FOR THE 2028-2029 BUDGET
CYCLE

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WHEREAS, objectives to evaluate and potentially implement a biennial budget process have been included in multiple recent strategic plans; and

WHEREAS, developing a budget is a major countywide effort, and switching to a biennial process would free up considerable amounts of staff time in every department in off years; and

WHEREAS, the additional resources freed up would be used to carry out strategic planning objectives, evaluate and adopt efficiency-generating technology, and analyze solutions to budget and other policy issues; and

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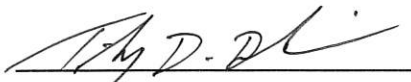
WHEREAS, moving to a longer budget timeframe necessarily makes financial forecasting more challenging, and state law allows for a two-month window in October-November of the first year of the biennium to make amendments to the second-year budget through a majority vote if the need arises; and

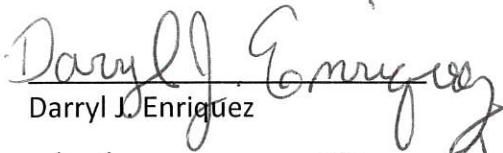
WHEREAS, county administration also plans to recommend policy changes designed to help manage uncertainty over the longer budget timeframe for future County Board consideration.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 65.90(1m)(c), Waukesha County will adopt a biennial budget process, beginning with the budget to be adopted in 2027, for the ~~2027-2028~~ **2028-2029** biennium.

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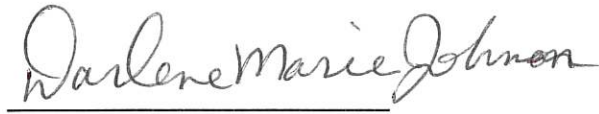
Approved by:
Finance Committee

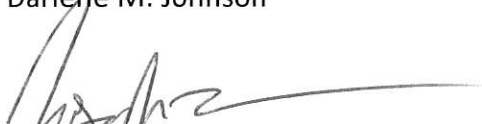

Timothy Dondlinger, Chair


Darryl J. Enriquez


Wayne Euclide


John G. Gscheidmeier


Darlene M. Johnson


Joseph T. O'Brien


Terry Thieme

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

Date: 9/25/26, 
Georgia E. Maxwell, County Clerk

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: X

Vetoed: _____

Date: 9/25/26, 
Thomas Farley, Interim County Executive

VOTE RESULTS

Consent Agenda

20 AYE 0 NAY 0 ABSTAIN 5 ABSENT

17 Yes Votes Needed

 **Passed**

D1 - Styza	ABSENT	D10 - Thieme	AYE	D19 - Enriquez	AYE
D2 - Euclide	ABSENT	D11 - Howard	S AYE	D20 - Schellinger	ABSENT
D3 - Gscheidmeier	ABSENT	D12 - Wolff	AYE	D25 - Johnson	AYE
D4 - Batzko	AYE	D13 - Leisemann	AYE	D21 - O'Brien	AYE
D5 - Dondlinger	AYE	D14 - Nissen	AYE	D22 - Gryczka	AYE
D6 - Walz	AYE	D15 - Kolb	AYE	D23 - Hammitt	AYE
D7 - LaFontain	M AYE	D16 - Crowley	AYE	D24 - Schroeder	ABSENT
D8 - Koremenos	AYE	D17 - Meier	AYE		
D9 - Heinrich	AYE	D18 - Nelson	AYE		

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