

Resolution appropriating \$17,500 for the creation of a City-County services duplication analysis.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the citizens, organizations, and businesses of the City of La Crosse want high quality services provided fairly and efficiently and at the lowest cost possible; and

WHEREAS, recent reports indicate that the City's cost of home ownership exceeds neighboring municipalities due primarily to property taxes; and

WHEREAS, other recent studies and surveys indicate the importance of crime, neighborhood conditions, and property taxes in deciding where to live; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of factors that determine the City's level of property taxes including the predominance of low-valued residential property, floodplain impacts and limitations, the amount of tax exempt property, services duplication, and free riders who enjoy services without having to pay for them to name a few; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse desires to learn more about the costs of services duplication and the free rider problem.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse hereby appropriates \$17,500 from the Reserve Fund account to prepare a City-County services duplication analysis per the attached proposal document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council directs the Finance Department, other appropriate departments and City officials to take the actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution and to assist in the development of said analysis.