

**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**Town of St. Germain, Vilas County**

**Resolution SG2023-02-01**

**To restore the authority of Wisconsin counties to enact shoreland zoning standards more restrictive than WI Administrative Code NR 115**

**WHEREAS** Wisconsin Statute §59.692 requires all counties to enact ordinances regulating zoning within shoreland areas; and

**WHEREAS** Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 115 sets standards for zoning regulations within shoreland zoning areas; and

**WHEREAS** State legislation enacted in 2015 forbids counties from adopting shoreland zoning ordinances which are more restrictive than the standards in Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 115, despite NR 115 having been historically known to be minimum standards allowing counties to be more restrictive; and

**WHEREAS** the Vilas County Board of Supervisors, on January 24, 2023, adopted Resolution 2023-01 in support of the portions of 2021 Assembly Bill 1110 and 2021 Senate Bill 1090 that would enable counties to enact shoreland zoning standards which are more restrictive than Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 115; and


**WHEREAS** the St. Germain Zoning Committee and the St. Germain Lakes Committee, both organizations being standing committees of the St. Germain Town Board of Supervisors, agree that to better protect and preserve the lakes and watersheds within and around the Town, Vilas County should have the discretion of enacting shoreland zoning standards more restrictive than Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 115,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of St. Germain also supports those provisions of 2021 Assembly Bill 1110 and 2021 Senate Bill 1090 which allow counties to enact shoreland zoning standards which are more restrictive than those in Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 115.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Wisconsin and to the members of the Wisconsin Legislature who represent Vilas County.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023

Attest

  
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Tom Christensen, Town Chairman

  
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June Vogel, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

P.O. BOX 7

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Governor Tony Evers  
P. O. Box 7863  
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February 15, 2023

Dear Governor Evers:

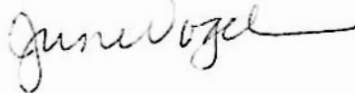
Please be advised that on February 13, 2023, the Town of St. Germain Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution SG2023-02-01 in support of Resolution 2023-01 adopted by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors on January 24, 2023. Both resolutions are prompted by the provisions of 2021 Assembly Bill 1110 and 2021 Senate Bill 1090 which would allow counties to enact more restrictive shoreland zoning standards than those of Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 115.

The Town Board agrees that restoring authority of counties to be more restrictive than NR 115 is in the best interest of protection and preservation of the lakes and watersheds within and around our Town. These natural resources are the foundation of northwoods tourism. Tourism is the foundation of our local economy.

We urge you to encourage and support any legislative action(s) that would restore the long-standing authority of Wisconsin's counties to regard NR 115 as the minimum standard and enact more restrictive local standards where appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



June Vogel, Clerk  
Town of St. Germain

Copies to:

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