

Wisconsin Statute § 62.11(5)

Grants cities broad "home rule" management and control powers.

(5) Powers. Except as elsewhere in the statutes specifically provided, the council shall have the management and control of the city property, finances, highways, navigable waters, and the public service, and shall have power to act for the government and good order of the city, for its commercial benefit, and for the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and may carry out its powers by license, regulation, suppression, borrowing of money, tax levy, appropriation, fine, imprisonment, confiscation, and other necessary or convenient means. The powers hereby conferred shall be in addition to all other grants, and shall be limited only by express language.

Key Provisions of Wis. Stat. § 62.11(5)

- **General Powers:** Except as otherwise provided by state statutes, the common council has the management and control of city property, finances, highways, navigable waters, and public service.
- **Welfare and Good Order:** The council has the power to act for the government and good order of the city, its commercial benefit, and the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- **Methods of Execution:** The city may carry out these powers through licensing, regulation, suppression, borrowing money, levying taxes, appropriations, fines, imprisonment, confiscation, and other necessary or convenient means.
- **Scope:** These powers are in addition to all other grants of power and are limited only by express language in the statutes.