

**RESOLUTION TO
ENTER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
WISCONSIN ELECTION COMMISSION FOR THE 2023 ABSENTEE
BALLOT ENVELOPE SUBGRANT PROGRAM**

**SPONSOR: MAYOR MCFARLAND
FROM: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Election Commission's Election Security Subgrant Program ("subgrant") is intended to fund jurisdictions purchasing redesigned absentee ballot envelopes; and,

WHEREAS, these envelopes were redesigned to ensure compliance with recent court decisions and the Wisconsin statutes. Old envelopes are not compliant with the law, and the Wisconsin Elections Commission unanimously voted not to permit their continued use, starting in 2024; and,

WHEREAS, commission staff will award subgrants based on receipt of a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Jurisdictions may receive a proportional amount of available subgrant funds based on their 2022 estimated voting age population, totaling the amount of \$2,285.29 for the City of Watertown; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the subgrant is to help improve overall election security of federal elections statewide by providing cities, villages, and towns across the State of Wisconsin with federal election security funds to safeguard and secure the integrity of the absentee voting process in federal elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN: that the proper City Officials are hereby authorized to complete and submit the MOU for the Absentee Ballot Envelope Subgrant Program a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption.

	YES	NO
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
BOARD		
BARTZ		
BLANKE		
SMITH		
SCHMID		
WETZEL		
MOLDENHAUER		
MAYOR MCFARLAND		
TOTAL		

ADOPTED August 15, 2023

CITY CLERK

APPROVED August 15, 2023

MAYOR