

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2025- \_\_\_\_\_R**

### **A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 3266 REGARDING TIF DISTRICT PREVAILING WAGE LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Winnebago is actively evaluating Tax Increment Financing (TIF) as a potential economic development tool to support reinvestment, redevelopment, and commercial growth within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, preserving the effectiveness of TIF is critical for smaller municipalities that rely on flexible, locally adaptable tools to attract private investment and strengthen local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Municipal League (IML) has notified municipalities that House Bill 3266, introduced by Representative Benton and sponsored in the Senate by Senator Cervantes, proposes to amend the Prevailing Wage Act by classifying private projects located in a TIF district and receiving any amount of public funds as “public works”; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 3266 would subject private development projects to prevailing wage requirements whenever the total project cost is twenty-five thousand dollars or more, regardless of the size or purpose of the public contribution; and

**WHEREAS**, IML has stated that the legislation would substantially increase labor costs, reduce contractor availability, and impose additional administrative and compliance burdens on both developers and municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, these impacts would weaken the usefulness of TIF statewide by raising the cost of redevelopment, discouraging investment, and diminishing the ability of communities to leverage limited public resources to stimulate private projects; and

**WHEREAS**, communities exploring TIF as an economic development mechanism, including the Village of Winnebago, have a legitimate interest in preserving its value and effectiveness as currently authorized under Illinois law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board finds that HB 3266 would negatively affect municipalities of all sizes and would reduce the practicality and feasibility of using TIF as a locally directed economic development tool.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago, Winnebago County, Illinois, hereby oppose House Bill 3266 and urge the Illinois General Assembly to reject legislation that expands the Prevailing Wage Act to include privately funded development projects within TIF districts receiving public assistance, as such legislation would diminish a critical economic development option for Illinois communities.

**APPROVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

Franklin J. Eubank, Jr., President of the Board  
of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois

**ATTEST:**

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Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk

**PASSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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