

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**CITY OF MANITOWOC’S OPPOSITION TO SB 434/ AB483  
RESTRICTING MUNICIPAL RAZE ORDER AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 434 and Assembly Bill 483 (“the bills”), as currently drafted, greatly restrict a municipality’s ability to quickly remove buildings that were severely damaged and consequently may pose a threat to community health, safety and welfare; and,

**WHEREAS**, the bills further impair a municipality’s ability to issue raze orders for buildings that are old, dilapidated, out of repair and consequently dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise unfit for human habitation and unreasonable to repair; and,

**WHEREAS**, the restrictions imposed upon a municipality by the bills render raze orders in certain circumstances nearly impossible because the information which the municipality is required to rely on to determine whether a raze order is reasonable is neither readily available nor easily attained; and,

**WHEREAS**, although used sparingly as a tool of last resort, the City of Manitowoc relies on its raze order authority to further its obligations to support the community’s health, safety and welfare.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Manitowoc oppose Senate Bill 434 and Assembly Bill 483 and urges the State Legislature to vote against these bills.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the Legislature passes Senate Bill 434 or Assembly Bill 483, then the City of Manitowoc urges Governor Evers to veto such bill.

INTRODUCED \_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_

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Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	Minimal for resolution passage. Indeterminable if bill passes.
<b>Funding Source:</b>	2021 Budget
<b>Finance Director Approval:</b>	/SMA
<b>Approved as to form:</b>	/KMM

This resolution was drafted by Elizabeth Majerus, Assistant City Attorney.