

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM**  
**Marquette County**  
**April 4, 2017**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the County of Marquette on April 4, 2017, the following proposed Resolution of the County Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

**ADVISORY REFERENDUM –**  
**ANNUAL COUNTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE – MARQUETTE COUNTY CODE OF**  
**ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, building and maintaining highways and bridges are essential to sustaining the quality of Wisconsin's highway infrastructure, which is vital to the state, counties and municipalities to support commerce, tourism and the safe transportation of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County property tax appropriation and other revenues have not been able to keep up with increases in the cost of maintaining the county highways; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes § 341.35 gives a county the authority to enact an ordinance imposing an annual flat registration fee on all motor vehicles customarily kept in the county; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stats. § 341.35 defines "motor vehicle" as an automobile, or motor truck registered under Wis. Stats. § 341.25(1)(c) at a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation collects the fee and remits the moneys collected to the county less an administrative fee, currently at \$0.17 per motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stats. § 341.35(6r) requires that any amounts collected by a county be used only for transportation related purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors desires that the question of such a registration fee for transportation related purposes be submitted to a vote of the people in an advisory referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Supervisors authorizes the following advisory referendum to be placed on the April 4, 2017, ballot:

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

Should Marquette County implement a \$25.00 vehicle  
registration fee, to begin on July 1, 2017, and used only for the  
maintenance and repair of County Highways?

**EXPLANATION:**

Marquette County seeks advisory input as to whether it should implement a \$25.00 vehicle registration fee for the purpose of maintenance and repair of County Highways. This is an annual fee collected per vehicle by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at the time of vehicle registration or renewal. This fee would apply to cars and light trucks weighing not more than 8,000 pounds customarily kept in the County. Without this fee, the County will likely need to borrow money for major highway projects.

A **“yes”** vote indicates you agree with the implementation of a vehicle registration fee.

A **“no”** vote indicates you disagree with the implementation of a vehicle registration fee.

Marquette County Board Resolution 4-2017  
Done in the City of Montello,  
on January 17, 2017.

Gary L. Sorensen  
Marquette County Clerk