

# STAFF REPORT

<b>MEMO DATE:</b>	May 1, 2019
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>May 6, 2019</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Village of Cottage Grove Board of Trustees
<b>FROM:</b>	Matt Giese – Village Administrator
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Zoning Protest Petition and Requirement for Super-majority Vote</b>

At the April 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, during discussions of ordinance changes to the zoning code regarding protest petitions, there was a request to hear how other municipalities are addressing the change in state law.

The following are the responses I received after sending out a request for information to area Administrators/staff.

## **Status of zoning protest petition ordinances in nearby municipalities**

### City of Madison

- No change to the ordinance yet.
  - “That is more of a function of inertia than of conscious decision. City staff is aware of the state law change, and have noted it as a potential barrier to affordable housing. However, there has not been any discussion by policy makers on the issue, and I’m not sure how many are even aware of the issue.” - City Staff

### Village of Marshall

- No change as of yet, but staff indicated a review of the zoning code is on the horizon and they will be looking to update the zoning protest language.

### Village of McFarland

- No change to the ordinance as of yet. There are plans for the zoning code to be reviewed and potentially amended in the next year or so. The protest petition language may be addressed during the amendment process.

### City of Middleton

- A zoning protest petition triggers the need for an additional public hearing (two total), but it does not trigger super-majority vote.

City of Reedsburg

- Planning to remove the protest petition language from the zoning code.

City of Verona

- Zoning code does not have protest petition language.