

**Resolution 02-27-12-03**

**A Resolution Opposing Proposed Amendment of Wisconsin Statutes 66.0615, Senate Bill 438 and Assembly Bill 562 Related to Hotel Room Tax Revenues**

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 438 and Assembly Bill 563 (herein the "Proposed Legislation") have been introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature, and have been referred to Senate and Assembly Committees for review, consideration and recommendation to the full body of Legislature; and

**Whereas**, Wis. Stat. 66.0615 currently authorizes the Village of Fontana to collect and retain for tourism and general fund purposes a room tax levied upon all transient rentals in the Village; and

**Whereas**, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat 66.0615 the Village's budget includes anticipated revenues from room taxes of \$300,000 of which the entire amount goes to offset our municipal tourism based operations totaling \$422,485; and

**Whereas**, the Proposed Legislation, if adopted could potentially reduce our municipalities revenue by approximately \$210,000; and

**Whereas**, the Proposed Legislation, if adopted would also invade the legislative authority of the Village Board by authorizing individuals to initiate action in the Circuit Court of Walworth County challenging the allocation and use of room tax revenues;

**Now therefore, be it resolved**, that the Village Board of the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake, Wisconsin, by enactment and adoption of this resolution, expresses its opposition to the proposed amendment of Wis. Stat. 66.0615 as set forth in Senate Bill 438 and Assembly Bill 563, and hereby urges the Wisconsin State Legislature to reject Senate Bill 438 and Assembly Bill 563.


Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake



Arvid Petersen, Village President

Attest:



Dennis Martin, Clerk