

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
LA CROSSE COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the County of La Crosse, on November 6, 2018, the following Advisory Referendum will be submitted to a vote of the people of the County of La Crosse:

RESOLUTION #18-7/18 RE: ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

WHEREAS, in a 2016 poll, 59 percent of Wisconsinites said that marijuana should be "fully legalized and regulated like alcohol," and recent polls show a majority of Americans favor legalization of adult recreational use of marijuana; and **WHEREAS**, Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have legalized adult personal use of marijuana, and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of marijuana, while Vermont and the District of Columbia have legalized limited personal possession and cultivation of marijuana by adults; and **WHEREAS**, in 2006, pursuant to §59.54(25), La Crosse amended County ordinance §9.16 to provide that possession of small amounts of marijuana, 25 grams or less, would be treated as an ordinance violation punishable by a fine rather than as a misdemeanor under the criminal code; and **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §59.52(25), the Board can conduct a county-wide advisory referendum; and **WHEREAS**, a county-wide advisory referendum on the issue of the legalization of marijuana would provide guidance to the state legislature as to the will of the La Crosse County electorate; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the La Crosse County Board hereby directs the County Clerk to place the question set forth below on the November 6, 2018 ballot as an advisory referendum.

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

Should the State of Wisconsin legalize the use of marijuana by adults 21 years or older, to be taxed and regulated in the same manner that alcohol is regulated in the State of Wisconsin, with proceeds from the taxes used for education, healthcare, and infrastructure?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND EFFECT OF VOTE

The referendum election ballot will ask County electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A YES vote means that you are in favor of legalizing the use of marijuana by adults 21 years or older, to be taxed and regulated in the same manner that alcohol is regulated in the State of Wisconsin, with proceeds from the taxes used for education, healthcare, and infrastructure.

A NO vote means that you are opposed to legalizing the use of marijuana by adults 21 years or older, to be taxed and regulated in the same manner that alcohol is regulated in the State of Wisconsin, with proceeds from the taxes used for education,

healthcare, and infrastructure.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk.

Done in the County of La Crosse
on November 2, 2018
Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk