



Mary Lazich

State Senator - Senate District 28

Assembly Committee on Ways and Means
January 23, 2014
Assembly Bill 525 and Senate Bill 499

Good morning committee members. Assembly Bill 525 (AB 525) and Senate Bill 499 (SB 499) create a tax exemption for buildings, personal property and land owned or leased by a nonprofit youth baseball association.

Current law allows buildings, personal property and land owned or leased by a nonprofit youth hockey association to be tax exempt. AB 525 and SB 499 extend the same tax exemption to nonprofit youth baseball associations, leveling the playing field for both youth sports to enjoy the same tax exemption.



City of Milwaukee

Signature

Resolution

200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53202

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SPONSORS: Witkowski

Title

Resolution amending the 2013-2014 state legislative package.

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HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, ON: _____

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APPROVED ON: _____

BY:

Tom Barrett

MAYOR



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Attachments: Hearing notice List, Memo to File 121604.pdf, Testimony Notes of Neal Budahn.pdf, 2011 AB 680 with History.pdf, Resolution on youth baseball tax exemption Mar 15.pdf

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2/27/2013	0	COMMON COUNCIL	ASSIGNED TO		
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3/5/2013	2	JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	Pass	4:0
3/5/2013	2	JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE	SUBSTITUTED	Pass	4:0
3/5/2013	1	JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE	DIVIDED	Pass	5:0
3/21/2013	2	COMMON COUNCIL			
3/21/2013	3	COMMON COUNCIL			
4/1/2013	3	MAYOR	SIGNED		

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Notes of Testimony
March 5, 2013
Judiciary & Legislation Committee

Neal Budahn, President & CEO
Wilson Park Youth Baseball
5021 South 24th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221

City of Milwaukee

Office of the City Clerk

200 E. Wells Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Certified Copy of Resolution

FILE NO: 121604

Title:

Substitute resolution amending the 2013-2014 state legislative package relating to a state property tax exemption for a nonprofit youth baseball association.

Body:

Whereas, 2011 Assembly Bill 680 (AB 680) was introduced in the Wisconsin legislature on March 8, 2012, and was not acted upon prior to the end of the legislative session on March 23, 2012; and

Whereas, AB 680, introduced with bipartisan support, including 8 sponsors, would have created an exemption from state and local taxes on property, including land, buildings and personal property, owned or leased by Wilson Park Youth Baseball, a nonprofit youth baseball association within the City; and

Whereas, Wilson Park Youth Baseball provides a venue for more than 600 City children ages 5 through 16 to participate in baseball and related activities with their families and neighbors; and

Whereas, Wilson Park Youth Baseball has operated for more than 50 years and was given a federal tax-exempt status as a section 501(c)3 charitable organization in 1989; and

Whereas, Wilson Park Youth Baseball has consistently provided opportunities for children wishing to participate with “no try-outs, no drafts and no benchwarmers”; and

Whereas, Wilson Park Youth Baseball, the only nonprofit youth baseball association of its kind in possession of playing fields located within the City, now pays property taxes annually on properties improved with 3 baseball diamonds and a concession structure with restrooms; and

Whereas, Section 70.11, Wis. Stats., provides property tax exemptions for more than 45 categories of organizations and associations that provide beneficial educational, recreational, religious and benevolent services and programs including, by way of example, educational institutions, nonprofit hospitals, agricultural fairs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Young Men’s Christian Association, bible camps, humane societies, nonprofit youth hockey associations and snowmobile clubs, but not nonprofit youth baseball associations; and

Whereas, The current program and the potential expansion of Wilson Park Youth Baseball are hindered by the diversion of limited tax-exempt income and contributions to payment of property tax obligations; and

Whereas, The Common Council finds that the activities of Wilson Park Youth Baseball

contributes significantly to the quality of life and to the health and safety of children and neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City supports the creation of a property tax exemption for a nonprofit youth baseball association, and directs the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of legislation substantially similar to 2011 Assembly Bill 680; and, be it

Further Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee that File Number 121009 is amended by adding the following item in the document attached to the file and identified as "2013-2014 State Legislative Package Proposals":

Common Council Finance and Administration Amend Wis. Stats. Chapter 70 to create a property tax exemption for a nonprofit youth baseball association

Requestor
Drafter
LRB145696-3
3/15/2013



I, James R. Owczarski, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a(n) Resolution Passed by the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March 21, 2013.

James R. Owczarski

May 08, 2013

Date Certified

George, Mary Beth

From: Neal Budahn <nbudahn@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 1:49 PM
To: Rep.Sinicki
Subject: Fw: Communication from the Mayor

Chris you may want this in the future. Form one of my constituents.

Neal

----- Original Message -----

From: [Julia LeGath](#)

To: [Neal Budahn](#)

Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 1:19 PM

Subject: FW: Communication from the Mayor

Neal look what I got today...wow...no offense but if the paper work this slow it would be out of business....

Julia

----- Forwarded Message

From: officeofthemayor <officeofthemayor@milwaukee.gov>

Date: Tue, 7 May 2013 13:10:03 -0500

To: <jlegath@conley.net>

Conversation: Communication from the Mayor

Subject: Communication from the Mayor

Dear Julia LeGath:

Thank you for contacting my office about the Wilson Park Youth Baseball League and the resolution passed by the Common Council. I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

While governing the City presents new challenges and opportunities on a daily basis, it is always gratifying to hear from citizens. I signed the Common Council advisory to provide a property tax exemption for the Wilson Park Youth Baseball League.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts. Please feel free to contact my office in the future regarding any issues you feel require my attention.

Sincerely,

Tom Barrett
Mayor

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