

Resolution No.6 – 2025

**Resolution Supporting the Wisconsin Battery Stewardship Senate
Bill 702/Assembly Bill 713**

Whereas, batteries are an essential part of modern life and are increasingly used in household, commercial, and industrial products; and

Whereas, improper disposal of batteries, especially lithium-ion and other rechargeable batteries, creates significant fire hazards for waste collection vehicles, transfer stations, recycling facilities, and landfills; and

Whereas, this legislation will improve safety at solid waste facilities and recycling centers by reducing the risk of fires caused by improperly disposed batteries; and

Whereas, local governments and solid waste facilities across Wisconsin have experienced rising operational costs and safety concerns due to improper battery disposal; and

Whereas, battery recycling across Wisconsin is sporadic and limited and this legislation would enhance collection opportunities and public awareness through a consistent statewide approach; and

Whereas, the proposed Wisconsin Battery Stewardship Senate Bill 702/Assembly Bill 713 would establish a producer-funded battery collection and recycling program administered through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources approved Battery Stewardship Organizations (BSOs), thereby shifting financial responsibility from local governments and residents to product manufacturers; and

Whereas, the legislation would require producers to provide convenient and free statewide collection opportunities for covered batteries, ensure safe collection and transportation, and support public education on proper disposal practices; and

Whereas, alkaline batteries are one of the most common battery types entering the waste stream, and excluding them from the stewardship program would reduce program effectiveness, increase sorting burdens on collection facilities, and create confusion for residents who already struggle to distinguish between battery chemistries; and

Whereas, including alkaline batteries as covered batteries will expand safe collection opportunities, reduce contamination, and align Wisconsin's battery stewardship program with best practices adopted in other states; and

Whereas, the bill's existing convenience standard could still leave large rural areas without adequate access to safe battery recycling, and requiring at least one collection opportunity per

county per year, whether permanent, seasonal, or a day-day event, would ensure equitable access for all Wisconsin residents; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation currently does not provide funding or staffing for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to administer and oversee the stewardship program, and without such support, effective and consistent statewide implementation would be significantly limited; and

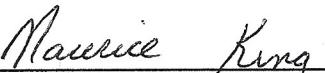
Whereas, every other state with similar battery stewardship laws provides financial support to the administering state agency, typically through reimbursement or fee structures paid by the Battery Stewardship Organization, and establishing such funding is necessary for Wisconsin to ensure proper oversight, reporting, and enforcement of the program; and

Whereas, counties and municipalities play a critical role in ensuring safe and effective waste management and recycling systems and stand to benefit directly from improved coordination, funding, and safety measures under this bill; and

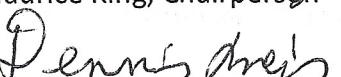
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Dewey hereby urges the Wisconsin Legislature to pass Senate Bill 702/ Assembly Bill 713, with the addition of alkaline batteries as covered batteries, ensuring at least one collection opportunity in every county annually, and providing funding for the state administration of the program;

Now, Therefore, Be It Further Resolved that town officials shall send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, local members of the State Legislature, and the Wisconsin Towns Association.

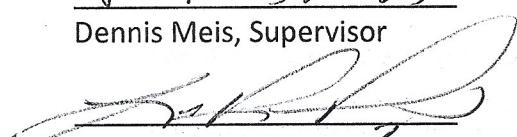
Approved and adopted this 17th day of December, 2025



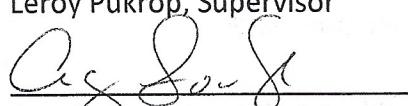
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