

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Winnebago County, Wisconsin

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

Should the state legislature enact proposed legislation that closes the Dark Store loopholes, which currently allow commercial retail properties to significantly reduce the assessed valuation and property tax of such properties by using closed, vacant (dark) properties as comparable properties for determining the assessed value of open, occupied, and fully operational properties resulting in a substantial shift in taxes levied against other tax paying entities such as residential home owners, and/or cuts in essential services provided by an affected municipality?

This is an advisory referendum only.

An answer of **YES** to the referendum question indicates the voter believes that Dark Store loopholes should not stand and that commercial retail properties should not continue to be afforded the opportunity to use vacant big box stores or other vacant commercial retail properties as a comparable property in assessing valuation and the accompanying property tax liability.

An answer of **NO** to the referendum question indicates the voter believes that Dark Store loopholes should stand and that commercial retail properties should continue to be afforded the opportunity to use vacant big box stores or other vacant commercial retail properties as a comparable property in assessing valuation and the accompanying property tax liability.

Your vote on this question will not directly result in the passage or non-passage of any ordinance or state statute. The purpose of the question is to advise your representatives of the amount of support for and against the elimination of Dark Store loopholes.

Done in the County of Winnebago,

On November 5, 2018

Susan T Ertmer, Winnebago County Clerk