

**SUBSTITUTE Resolution No. 26-2-2862**  
**Monona Common Council**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING MUTUAL AID REQUESTS AND  
RISK MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Monona and the City of Madison are separate and independent municipal corporations, and have certain enumerated powers set forth in Chapters 62 and 66 of the Wisconsin statutes, and,

**WHEREAS**, none of those enumerated powers allow one municipal corporation, like Madison, to compel another municipal corporation, like Monona, to adopt policies favored by the first municipal corporation, and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madison has no legal authority to require the City of Monona to adopt Madison's policies with respect to police pursuits, any more than Monona has the legal power to force Madison to require officer-worn body cameras, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of Madison and a majority of the Madison Common Council disagree with the City of Monona's policy on police pursuits, and,

**WHEREAS**, mutual aid among law enforcement jurisdictions is vital for public safety, particularly in an urban area with a multitude of municipal boundaries, and,

**WHEREAS**, while section 66.0513 of the Wisconsin statutes does allow a municipality to seek reimbursement from another municipality for costs incurred in providing mutual aid, in practice, communities have not sought such reimbursement as it undermines the foundation of the entire mutual aid system, and,

**WHEREAS**, nonetheless, rather than adopting a policy restricting its own officers from participating in mutual aid pursuits, the Madison Common Council adopted Resolution 90986 on January 13, 2026, which essentially states its intent to pursue mutual aid reimbursement from other law enforcement agencies, and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madison's insurance carrier has filed a letter of subrogation for claims arising from an incident that occurred on September 27, 2025 in which a Madison police officer was seriously injured, and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madison has introduced a great degree of uncertainty about the fiscal risk of calling on Madison for mutual aid, and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madison is attempting to achieve indirectly what it cannot achieve directly, i.e. a change in our pursuit policy, by threatening unacceptable fiscal risks in requesting mutual aid if the City of Monona does not change its pursuit policy; and,

**WHEREAS**, Madison Resolution 90986 may inadvertently degrade the execution of mutual aid throughout Dane County and possibly beyond; and,

**WHEREAS**, such a degradation would likely put members of the public and Public Safety officers further at risk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Common Council of the City of Monona, Dane County, Wisconsin, that in order to protect the fiscal integrity of the City, manage legal and operational risk, and ensure the safety of officers and the public, members of the Monona Police Department will not

routinely request assistance from the Madison Police Department to participate in active police pursuits;  
and,

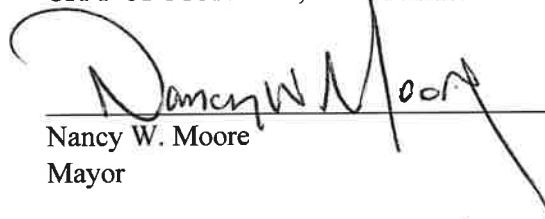
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of Monona respectfully requests that the Common Council of the City of Madison reconsider Resolution 90986 in the interest of public safety throughout the metropolitan area, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Monona City Clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Madison Mayor's Office and to the Madison Common Council Chief of Staff, and,


**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Chief of Police is authorized to update Monona Police Department policies to implement this resolution.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONONA, WISCONSIN

  
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Nancy W. Moore  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Christina M. Kahl  
City Clerk

Introduced By: Alder Wood

Council Action:

Date Introduced: 3-2-26

Date Approved: 3-16-26