



# City of De Pere

## Press Release

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### **PSA: Dark Store & Walgreens Tax Loopholes**

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities is seeking support to close dark store and Walgreens tax loopholes.

The League has outlined its concerns that the Dark Store and Walgreens loopholes in Wisconsin tax law are slowly but surely shifting the share of property taxes paid by commercial properties onto home owners, renters, independent businesses and manufacturers. The League estimates that communities affected by these shifts will see property tax bills for homeowners and others increase by an average of 8 percent; significantly more in some communities.

The League worked with a bipartisan majority within the Legislature to craft what it felt was a fair solution to this tax scheme, but were not able to convince legislator leaders to put the bills up for a vote. After reviewing the impact of this tax shift on the residents and independent businesses of Wisconsin, the League Board is now implementing an advocacy campaign to insure that this problem is discussed and addressed by legislatures. Part of these efforts is educating the general public in more depth about the issues related to these loopholes.

Therefore, linked below are materials related to dark store and *Walgreens* tax loopholes, courtesy of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. These materials are intended to educate residents and the general public about this issue. For more information on the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, visit [lwm-info.org](http://lwm-info.org).

**Dark Store Talking Points:** <http://www.lwm-info.org/DocumentCenter/View/2117/Dark-Store-Tax-Loophole-Talking-Points>

**Walgreens Reversal Talking Points:** <https://wi-lwm.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2118/Walgreens-Tax-Loophole-Talking-Points>

**Explanation of Dark Store and Walgreens loopholes:** <https://wi-lwm.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2120/An-explanation-of-the-Dark-Store-and-Walgreens-Loopholes>

**Four Crucial Facts about the Dark Store and Walgreens Property Tax Loophole:** <http://www.lwm-info.org/DocumentCenter/View/2119/Dark-Store-Myths-and-Facts>

**Op-Ed on the Dark Store and Walgreens Loopholes:** [www.lwm-info.org/DocumentCenter/View/2145/Dark-Store---Walgreens-Op-Ed-July-2018](http://www.lwm-info.org/DocumentCenter/View/2145/Dark-Store---Walgreens-Op-Ed-July-2018)