

A residency requirement idea may have taken an unexpected turn in the La Crosse city council. Mayor Matt Harter wanted to have new non-union employees living within the city permanently. Didn't go over well with guys like city council member Bob Seaquist, who says forcing employees to live in the city permanently is regressive and hateful and will make it difficult for the city to hire well-qualified employees. Seaquist's counter-proposal: come up with a plan to entice employees to live in the city, rather than force them. Maybe, he says, low interest loans to buy a home in the city or to live in a blighted area.