

1 Supervisor Peggy Romo West, Chairperson,
2 By the Committee on Health and Human Needs, reporting on:

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4 File No. 15-789

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6 (ITEM) A resolution/ordinance by the Committee on Health and Human Needs
7 relating to an informational report from the Interim Director, Department on Aging, in
8 reference to Amendment 1A040 to the County Executive's 2016 Adopted Budget on meal
9 center site closings, by recommending adoption of the following:

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11 **A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

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13 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) recognizes that good nutrition is an
14 important part of healthy aging; and

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16 WHEREAS, the County helps seniors meet their nutritional needs by providing
17 healthy eating options through community dining sites and home delivered meals; and

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19 WHEREAS, since 1973, the community dining program has served meals to
20 seniors at meal sites throughout the County; and

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22 WHEREAS, the County recognizes the community dining program is more than
23 just meals – it is a gathering of the community, offering seniors the opportunity to make
24 new friends, socialize, exercise, and learn new things; and

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26 WHEREAS, the 2015 report prepared by the Center for Urban Population Health
27 for the Department on Aging found that 58 percent of the 600 seniors surveyed ate their
28 meals at the same dining site for three years or more; and

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30 WHEREAS, the community dining program is such an important part of the
31 community and the individual seniors it serves that it is imperative for the community to
32 have a public discussion of any change or closure of any County meal site; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of
35 December 9, 2015, recommended adoption of this By the Committee resolution,
36 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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38 BE IT RESOLVED, it shall be the policy of the Milwaukee County Board of
39 Supervisors (County Board) that any meal site changes shall come before the County
40 Board for approval; and

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby amends Chapter 53 of
43 the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances by adopting the following:
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47 **AN ORDINANCE**

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49 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as follows:
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52 **Section 1.** Chapter 53.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is
53 hereby amended as follows:
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55 **53.09. - Duties, powers.**

56 The powers and duties of the commission shall be as follows, except that the
57 county board shall reserve the right to review all programs and contracts approved for
58 funding by the commission and overrule such decisions by a majority vote of the
59 members-elect thereof:
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- 61 (1) The commission shall develop and implement an area plan on aging, and shall
62 act as the separate administrative planning and service area under the state
63 area-wide planning program for the aged.
- 64 (2) The commission shall have responsibility for the establishment of a
65 comprehensive and coordinated system for the delivery of community-based
66 services within the planning and service agency covered by the plan, assess
67 the need for services, evaluate the effectiveness of the use of resources in
68 meeting such need, and establish appropriate programs and methods to meet
69 such needs.
- 70 (3) The commission shall function as a coordinating, planning and research
71 agency and shall advise the county board of the needs of older citizens, of the
72 status of existing programs designed to meet those needs, and recommend
73 new programs and services as needed.
- 74 (4) The commission shall have the power to receive funds from both public and
75 private sources, and to disburse the same for programs related to the aged.
- 76 (5) The commission shall review federal data and projections to help in the county
77 planning process, indicate the need for particular legislation, and shall make
78 available to the county board the information and research relating to the
79 effects of proposed legislation.
- 80 (6) The commission shall render appropriate technical assistance to providers of
81 services in the planning and service area covered by the area plan.
- 82 (7) The commission shall serve as the focal point through which the voices of the
83 senior adults can be heard on any and all issues relating to their well-being and
84 functioning in order to enhance their ability to remain as contributing members
85 of the community.
- 86 (8) The commission shall perform any other care or services as directed by the
87 county board which are deemed necessary to protect and promote the interest
88 of older citizens in the community.
- 89 (9) The commission shall have the authority to review all plans developed by other

90 units of county offices which impact on the elderly citizens of the county.

91 (10) The commission shall administer and provide policy directive for the
92 community dining program. Any changes to meal site locations, including
93 closures and new locations, shall also be subject to County Board approval.

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95 **Section 2.**

96 Provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication.

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