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10 AN ORDINANCE

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12 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as
13 follows:

14 **SECTION 1: Chapter 96 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County is**
15 **created as follows:**

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17 **Chapter 96. Office of the Medical Examiner; Policies.**

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19 (1) The Medical Examiner has the discretion under state statute, with certain
20 exceptions, to determine whether to conduct an autopsy. In making the
21 determination whether to conduct an autopsy or, after deciding to conduct an
22 autopsy, when making the determination of the cause and manner of death, the
23 Medical Examiner shall utilize all information of whatever kind that a reasonable
24 Medical Examiner would utilize under the same or similar circumstances.
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26 (2) (a) In order to fulfill the responsibility set forth in paragraph (1), the Medical
27 Examiner shall request any and all reports available from known or involved
28 agencies or persons, including any and all relevant and available video or audio
29 recordings.
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31 (b) The Medical Examiner shall maintain a written record of all such requests
32 and any responses to such requests.
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34 (3) The Medical Examiner shall review and approve all death certificates signed by
35 assistant medical examiners in cases where the autopsy was performed following
36 the death of an individual in the custody of any governmental entity or agency.
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38 (4) The Medical Examiner shall maintain written policies setting forth the obligations
39 of members of his office to fulfill the provisions of this Chapter.
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43 **SECTION 2:** This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.
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46 **Adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**

