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(ITEM) From the Director, Office of Performance, Strategy & Budget, Department of Administrative Services, requesting authorization to create Chapter XX of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to collect a Vehicle Registration Fee, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Stats §341.35 allows municipalities and counties to enact an annual flat vehicle registration fee, which fees may only be used for transportation related purposes; and

WHEREAS, without locating an additional source of funds the County Department of Transportation will not be able to sustain its current levels of operation and capital repairs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Wisconsin Stats §341.35 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopts a county vehicle registration fee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby creates Chapter XX of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances by adopting the following:

AN ORDINANCE

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

Section 1.

Chapter XX of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is hereby created as follows:

VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE PROGRAM

XX-XX. Authority

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Wisconsin §341.35.

42 XX-XX. Purpose

43 The purpose of this ordinance is to provide Milwaukee County with a source of
44 funds, in addition to other funding sources, for eligible transportation related activities
45 defined within Wisconsin §341.35.

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47 XX-XX. Definition.

48 In this section, "motor vehicle" means an automobile or motor truck registered
49 under §341.25(1)(c), Wis. Stats, at a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, that is
50 registered in this state and is customarily kept in Milwaukee County.

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52 XX-XX. Annual registration fee.

53 At the time a motor vehicle is first registered or at the time of registration
54 renewal, the applicant shall pay a county vehicle registration fee of \$60. This fee is in
55 addition to other fees required by Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 341. The Wisconsin
56 Department of Transportation (DOT) shall collect the fee. Use of funds generated by this
57 registration fee shall be restricted to supporting Milwaukee County transportation
58 activities.

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60 XX-XX. Exemptions.

61 The following motor vehicles are exempt from the annual vehicle registration fee:

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63 (a) All vehicles exempted by Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 341 from payment of a
64 state vehicle registration fee.

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66 (b) All vehicles registered by the state under Wisconsin Statutes § 341.26 for a fee
67 of \$5.

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69 XX-XX. Replacements.

70 No county vehicle registration fee may be imposed on a motor vehicle which is a
71 replacement for a motor vehicle for which a current county vehicle registration fee has
72 been paid.

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74 XX-XX. Administrative costs.

75 The Wisconsin Department of Transportation shall retain a portion of the moneys
76 collected under this section equal to the actual administrative costs related to the
77 collection of these fees.

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79 **Section 2.**

80 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

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82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
83 hereby directs the Office of Governmental Affairs to lobby the State of Wisconsin
84 legislature to modify Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 341 to base the Vehicle Registration
85 Fee on the value of the vehicle and also to fully fund local transportation needs.

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87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Executive shall convene a
88 public/private task force to consider ways to moderate the impact on low income
89 households.