

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM**

**DATE:** September 30, 2016

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** Repeal of Ordinance 60.01 – Physician’s Fees.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required  | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures<br>(If checked, check one of two boxes below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency’s Budget   | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency’s Budget   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures   | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues   |  |

*Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.*

	<b>Expenditure or Revenue Category</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Subsequent Year</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue		
	Net Cost	0	0
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	Expenditure		
	Revenue		
	Net Cost		

## DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.<sup>1</sup> If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

The Clerk of Circuit Court is requesting the County Board repeal Milwaukee County Ordinance 60.01 (M.C.O.60.01) relating to payment of licensed physicians and licensed psychologist fees in mental commitment cases.

The ordinance was last amended in 1989 which set fees for:

- a) The licensed physicians at one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for examinations and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for attending and testifying at court hearing plus twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each additional quarter of an hour.
- b) The licensed psychologist fees at seventy dollars (\$70.00) for examination and seventy dollars (\$70.00) for attending and testifying at court hearing plus seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) for each additional quarter of an hour or fraction thereof.

Repealing the ordinance will give Combined Courts the much needed flexibility in setting fees for these statutorily required experts. The increase in the fees will assist the court to have the most qualified experts to provide services in these cases.

In anticipation of the increase in fees, it is expected that the annual expenditure will be absorbed in our current budget due to current trend of decreasing cases. As of September 30, 2016 we have \$122,971.23 still remaining in the current budget. The computation is derived by number of cases times the rate.

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<sup>1</sup> If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

<sup>2</sup> Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?  Yes  No

Did CDBP Review?<sup>2</sup>  Yes  No  Not Required