

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM**

**DATE:** December 19, 2017

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** A resolution/ordinance amending Chapter 107 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances relating to Fair Housing to include "receipt of rental or housing assistance" as a protected class

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures |
| <input checked="" 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	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

## 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.
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- A. This resolution, if adopted, amends Chapter 107 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances relating to Fair Housing to include "receipt of rental or housing assistance" as a protected class. The definition of "receipt of rental or housing assistance" includes any legally derived public or private rental assistance voucher or program. The resolution also requests that the Office of Corporation Counsel and the Office of the Comptroller – Audit Services Division will work together to ensure a seamless procedure for Fair Housing complaints received by the Fraud Hotline.
  - B. The Office of Corporation Counsel is the enforcement agent under the Fair Housing Ordinance and it is anticipated that if this ordinance change results in one to two additional cases a year the OCC will be able to absorb the cost of handling the cases; however, if this change generates more than one to two cases a year the OCC will need additional staff to handle the increased case load. If additional staff are needed to comply with this policy change a funding source will need to be identified and approved in a separate action.
  - C. If no more than one to two additional Fair Housing discrimination cases are generated per year it is assumed that the OCC will be able to absorb the additional cost within its current and future budgets; however, if additional staff are needed due to an increased workload, and are approved in a separate action, it will increase operating expenditures in the OCC.

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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.

D. In consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services – Housing Division, the Office of Corporation Counsel, and the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council the assumption is that this added language will not substantially increase the amount of discrimination complaints Milwaukee County receives in regard to Fair Housing discrimination based on "receipt of rental or housing assistance."

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?  Yes  No

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

