

1 Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, reporting on:

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4 File No. 16-184

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6 (ITEM) A resolution/ordinance to amend Sections 9.03(2) and (4) of the
7 Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances regarding the candidate deadline for
8 filing a Statement of Economic Interest for County elected office, by recommending
9 adoption of the following:

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11 **A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**
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13 WHEREAS, the ethics code of the Milwaukee County Code of General
14 Ordinances (the Code) currently requires that candidates for County office file a
15 Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) on the same day that candidates file nomination
16 papers for County elected offices; and

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18 WHEREAS, the filing of an SEI on the same day as the filing of nomination
19 papers can potentially cause confusion by candidates for office and imposes an onus on
20 such candidates that is collateral to meeting the requirements of the election laws; and

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22 WHEREAS, moving the deadline to the Friday after the date for filing nomination
23 papers achieves the policy goal of obtaining the SEI information in a timely manner,
24 achieves consistency with deadlines for filings for State office and provides candidates
25 with a reasonable period of time to complete and file an SEI after filing papers to
26 become a candidate; and

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28 WHEREAS, current Code provisions require incumbent County elected officials
29 to file an SEI with the Election Commission if they are a candidate and then require that
30 such officials file a second SEI with the Ethics Board a few weeks later to satisfy the
31 separate SEI annual filing requirement and such filings are a duplication of effort and
32 redundant; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its
35 meeting of May 12, 2016, recommended adoption of this resolution/ordinance
36 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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38 BE IT RESOLVED, Sections 9.03(2) and (4) of the Milwaukee County Code of
39 General Ordinances are hereby amended to provide for the filing of a Statement of
40 Economic Interest by candidates for County elected offices on the Friday following the
41 date for filing of nomination papers rather than on the same day; and

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to ensure the above-noted revisions are properly
44 codified, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts 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
50 follows:

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52 **Section 1.** Section 9.03 is amended to read as follows:

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54 **9.03. – Financial disclosure.**

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56 (2) *Filed with county election commission:* Statements of economic interests shall be
57 filed with the county election commission on the Friday following the date of the filing
58 of nomination papers:

59 (a) By all county elected officials when initially a candidate for office; and

60 (b) By all candidates for county elected offices.

61 The election commission shall provide the Ethics Board with a copy of all filings under
62 this paragraph by county elected officials who have filed to be a candidate for office.

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64 (3) *File within thirty (30) days of employment or taking office:* Upon entering county
65 employment, elected office, or appointment as a public official, persons required to
66 file statements of economic interests shall do so within thirty (30) days after
67 commencement of employment or of taking oath of office.

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69 (4) *Annual statement of economic interest filing requirement:*

70 (a) *[Requirements.]* Each person required to file a statement of economic
71 interests shall file updated statements with the ethics board within thirty (30)
72 days after the closing of each calendar year. A filing made by a county
73 elected official under section 9.03(2) shall fulfill that year's annual filing
74 requirement.

75 (b) *Quarterly financial disclosure required for pension board:* Each member of the
76 county pension board and each employee of the pension board who is a
77 county official or employee, shall complete and file with the ethics board a
78 quarterly financial disclosure statement no later than the last day of the
79 month following the end of each calendar quarter or any portion thereof in
80 which he or she was a member or employee of the county pension board.
81 Such financial disclosure statements shall be in the form prescribed by the
82 ethics board and shall identify the date and nature of any purchase, sale, put,
83 call, option, lease, or creation, dissolution or modification of any economic
84 interest made during the quarter for which the report is filed and disclosure of
85 which would be required by this code.

86 (c) *No compensation until filing:* A person required to file a statement of
87 economic interests under this section shall not receive his/her salary or
88 other compensation until he/she files such statement of economic interests.

89 (d) *Disclosure by spouse:* County elected officials, appointed officials,
90 candidates, and employees required to file statements of economic interests,
91 as required by section 9.03, shall include and file statements of a spouse's
92 employment and financial assets and liabilities.

93 **Section 2.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage and
94 publication.

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