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5 **AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

6
7 amending Chapter 1 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to refine the
8 process for adding co-sponsors to legislative items

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11 WHEREAS, Chapter 1 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances
12 (MCGO) serves as the rules of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and Section
13 1.13(d)(9) establishes the procedure for adding co-sponsors to resolutions and
14 ordinances during committee consideration; and

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16 WHEREAS, strengthening this process will promote consistency, transparency,
17 and orderly proceedings of the County Board and its committees; and

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19 WHEREAS, directing co-sponsorship requests through the lead sponsor will
20 ensure that sponsorship of legislative items remains coordinated and clearly managed;
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23 WHEREAS, applying the same co-sponsorship procedures to amendments,
24 including budget amendments, will promote fairness and consistency throughout the
25 legislative and annual budget processes; and

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27 WHEREAS, these revisions are intended to streamline the administration of co-
28 sponsorship requests while preserving the ability of any co-sponsor to withdraw their
29 sponsorship during a public meeting; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General
32 Services, at its meeting of March 10, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-300
33 (vote 3-2); now, therefore,

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35 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby amends
36 Chapter 1 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to better refine and
37 standardize the co-sponsorship process by adopting the following:
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39 AN ORDINANCE

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

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43 **SECTION 1.** Section 1.13(d)(9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances
44 is amended as follows:

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47 **1.13. Committee meetings.**

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49 (d) ~~Committee motions and voting procedure.~~ Committee motions, voting, and
50 legislative sponsorship.

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52 (9) ~~Supervisors wishing to add their names as co-sponsors of resolutions or~~
53 ~~ordinances introduced by supervisors, shall, prior to a committee's final~~
54 ~~vote on said resolution or ordinance, obtain the permission of the~~
55 ~~primary sponsor, and be added if there is no objection from a member of~~
56 ~~the committee. If there is objection, a vote of the committee shall be~~
57 ~~taken regarding adding the co-sponsor(s).~~

58 The lead sponsor of a resolution, ordinance, or amendment, including
59 budget amendments, is the supervisor who drafts or introduces the item.
60 The lead sponsor is responsible for managing and considering requests
61 from other supervisors to be added as co-sponsors. Original co-
62 sponsors are supervisors whom the lead sponsor authorizes to be added
63 before the item is introduced and referred to a standing committee.

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65 Supervisors wishing to be added as a co-sponsor shall direct their
66 requests to the lead sponsor prior to final consideration by the applicable
67 standing committee(s). When a resolution, ordinance, or amendment is
68 being considered by a standing committee, ~~or the county board,~~ the lead
69 sponsor may request that additional supervisors be added as co-
70 sponsors. Additional co-sponsors shall be added when the lead sponsor
71 makes such a request to the committee chairperson ~~or board chairperson~~
72 during the public proceeding.

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74 After final standing committee consideration and before final action by
75 the county board, any supervisor may be added as a co-sponsor upon
76 request to the county clerk. The county clerk shall add the requesting
77 supervisor as a co-sponsor, whether the request is made before the
78 county board meeting or during consideration of the item by the county
79 board, and shall announce the names of any additional co-sponsors
80 before the final vote is taken.

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When a resolution, ordinance, or amendment is being considered by a standing committee or the county board, any previously added co-sponsor may withdraw their sponsorship by request to the appropriate chairperson during the public proceeding.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

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