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3 Medical Examiner Agreement with Kenosha County to Provide Autopsy Support, by  
4 recommending adoption of the following:

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6 **A RESOLUTION**  
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8 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (Milwaukee) and Kenosha County (Kenosha)  
9 each have responsibilities under Sections 59 and 979, Wisconsin State Statutes (State  
10 Statutes), regarding the investigation of deaths occurring in their respective counties;  
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13 WHEREAS, Kenosha does not employ a board-certified Forensic Pathologist as  
14 its Medical Examiner, and has contracted for this service with Milwaukee since 2011;  
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17 WHEREAS, these agreements mutually benefit Kenosha and Milwaukee, as  
18 these agreements generate revenue that offset current fixed costs of the Milwaukee  
19 County Medical Examiner's Office (ME); and

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21 WHEREAS, the ME's 2024 Adopted Budget includes revenue generated from  
22 the proposed 2024 Agreement for autopsy services, consulting, external exams, and  
23 testimony; and

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25 WHEREAS, the ME estimates receiving \$180,000 from Kenosha during 2024  
26 from the 2024 Agreement for autopsy services, consulting, external exams, and  
27 testimony; and

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29 WHEREAS, the ME has provided similar services to Kenosha since 2011, and  
30 the agreements for autopsy services between the parties have an aggregate value  
31 greater than \$300,000; and

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33 WHEREAS, Section 59.52(31)(c), State Statutes, requires approval by the  
34 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) of a contract when the group of  
35 contracts between the same parties, which generally relate to the same transaction,  
36 have an aggregate value of more than \$300,000; and

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38 WHEREAS, adopted File No. 19-348's audit recommendations included that the  
39 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors should approve the ME's autopsy fee; and

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41 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 14, 2024,  
42 recommended adoption of File No. 24-282 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,  
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44 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the  
45 Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office to enter into an Agreement for autopsy  
46 services, consulting, external exams, and testimony, with Kenosha County, from  
47 January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, for a cost of \$1,800 per autopsy,  
48 \$900 per external exam, and \$500 per hour for testimony, and a copy of which has  
49 been attached to and made a part of this file; and

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51 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the aforementioned Agreement shall only be  
52 executed after review and approval by Corporation Counsel, Risk Management,  
53 Department of Administrative Services, the Office of the Comptroller, and the County  
54 Executive.

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