

From the Executive Zoo Director requesting approval to amend Milwaukee County Ordinance Sections 47.06 and 63.09, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Zoo (the Zoo) is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, all zoo-animal habitat construction follows strict safety protocols designed to protect animals, staff, and guests; and

WHEREAS, in today's social media landscape, some individuals deliberately trespass into restricted areas or animal habitats, endangering themselves, animals, and others; and

WHEREAS, across the country, there have been instances of dangerous zoo habitat breaches, and to help prevent such incidents, the Zoo is requesting amendments to Section 47.06(1) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code), to explicitly "restrict entering any zoo animal habitat" and amend Section 63.09 - Enforcement Procedures, the Code, to increase the fine to \$2,500, which will provide a stronger deterrent and help ensure the safety and wellbeing of guests and animals alike; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of December 2, 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-682 (vote 7-0); and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Milwaukee County Zoo, hereby recommends the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors amend Section 47.06 and Section 63.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, through the adoption of the following:

35 **AN ORDINANCE**

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

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39 **SECTION 1.** Section 47.06(1) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances
40 (the Code) is hereby amended as follows:

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42 **47.06. - Animals in parks.**

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44 (1) *Disturbance of animals on exhibition.* No person shall injure, molest, harass
45 or disturb any animal exhibited in the zoological garden or in any other area of
46 the park or parkway, nor enter any zoo animal habitat, nor feed or attempt
47 to feed the same where posted rules prohibit such conduct.

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49 **SECTION 2.** Section 63.09(2)(d) of the Code is hereby amended as follows:

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51 **63.09 - Enforcement procedure.**

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53 (2) *Citations.*

54 (d) *Ordinances identified; schedule of cash deposits and maximum penalties.*
55 The following general ordinances of the county may be enforced by the
56 citation method, and the amount of cash deposit shall be determined
57 according to this schedule (exclusive of any assessment, surcharge or fee
58 imposed by state statute):

Section Number	Subject Matter		Amount of Cash Deposit	Maximum Penalty
CHAPTER 47				
47.06	(1)	Disturbance of animals	\$ 50.00 <u>\$500.00</u>	\$500.00 <u>\$2,500.00</u>

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61 **SECTION 3.** The provisions of this Ordinance will be effective upon passage and
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