

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: August 10, 2021

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution/ordinance amending Chapter 47.08 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to permit foraging for edible fruits, nuts, and mushrooms on designated Milwaukee County park land if it is for personal use and not for resale.

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
(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.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0
Capital Improvement Budget	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. ¹ 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.
- A. If adopted, this resolution would amend Chapter 47.08 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to permit foraging for edible fruits, nuts, and mushrooms on designated Milwaukee County park land if it is for personal use and not for resale.
 - B. There are no direct costs, savings, or anticipated revenues associated with the proposed action in current or subsequent years.
 - C. There are no budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in current or subsequent years. Staff time, which was previously allocated through the 2021 Adopted Budget, will be necessary to update the MCGO and communicate the change.

Parks Department staff indicate severe staffing shortages already impact their ability to enforce Chapter 47.08 of the MCGO as it presently stands. The proposed Ordinance will require staff to enforce a more complex and nuanced system and will also require park users to successfully navigate a narrow set of rules. This policy may also lead to conflicts between parks users and park staff and rangers on the new foraging rules and guidelines. It should be noted this fiscal note does not attempt to estimate the cost of additional signage that may be needed to mark non-collection sites due to contaminated soil concerns. If signage is needed,

¹ 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.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

it is anticipated that the Parks Department will return with an informational report detailing their request for an appropriation transfer.

D. No assumptions or interpretations were used.

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CBDP Review?² Yes No Not Required