

1 By Supervisor Dimitrijevic
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4 **A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

5 to establish a Research Services Division within the Office of the Comptroller
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7 WHEREAS, 2013 Wisconsin Act 14 ("Act 14"), among other provisions, created
8 59.52(32) of the statutes that states:
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10 RESEARCH DEPARTMENT. In any county with a population of 750,000 or more,
11 the board may enact an ordinance creating a department in county government to
12 provide independent and nonpartisan research services for the board and the county
13 executive. The department may not consist of more than 4.0 full-time equivalent
14 positions. Employees of the department shall be hired and supervised by the
15 comptroller, and shall serve at the pleasure of the comptroller. Such a department
16 shall respond to requests for services from the board and the county executive. The
17 authority to create a department under this subsection may not be exercised after
18 the county board enacts its budget for the 2017 fiscal year.
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22 WHEREAS, Act 14 also imposed strict budgetary caps on the County Board Budget
23 (Org. 1000) beginning in 2014 that will severely impede the ability to retain County Board
24 Research Services; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Office of the Comptroller included a Research Services Division in
27 its 2014 Requested Budget for staff to help draft resolutions, ordinances and reports when
28 requested and be assigned to a standing committee of the County Board and perform other
29 tasks that may be needed relative to any county issue; and
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31 WHEREAS, the transition of County Board Research functions to an independent
32 Research Services Division in the Office of the Comptroller should begin sooner than
33 January 1, 2014, so as to avoid any disruption providing research services support, as well
34 as provide the Comptroller the opportunity to hire the positions as prescribed by law; and
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36 WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of an independent
37 Research Services Division within the Office of the Comptroller to provide services to the
38 County Executive and the County Board to help develop fact-based policies; now,
39 therefore,
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41 BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to State Statute
42 59.52(32), hereby creates a Research Division within the Office of the Comptroller to
43 provide independent research services to the County Executive and County Board effective
44 August 18, 2013; and
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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to provide independent research services,
47 the following positions are created in the Office of the Comptroller effective August 18,
48 2013:

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50 **Org Unit 3700 – Office of the Comptroller**

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	<u>Title*</u>	<u>Pay Range*</u>	<u># of Positions</u>
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53	Create: Research and Policy Director	38M	1
54	Research and Policy Analyst	33M	3

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56 *The pay ranges of the proposed positions are the same pay ranges of research positions currently authorized in the
57 County Board budget (Org. 1000). Note that the Research and Policy Analyst positions are created in pay range 33M, but
58 have the ability to be under filled (and budgeted) in pay ranges 18M, 23M, 27M or 30M (\$38,881 to \$79,811) to create a
59 career ladder per File No. 04-517 adopted 12/16/2004.

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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
64 hereby amends the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances by adopting the
65 following:

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AN ORDINANCE

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69 The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows:

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71 SECTION 1. Section 34.02 and 34.025 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee
72 County is hereby amended as follows:

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74 34.02. Purpose.

75 The office of the comptroller is created to carry out the functions outlined
76 specifically in s. 59.255(2) and 59.52(32), Wis. Stats., and those outlined in this
77 chapter.

78 34.025. Duties and responsibilities.

79 (1) The comptroller is the chief financial officer of the county, and the
80 administer of the county's financial affairs. The comptroller shall oversee all
81 of the county's debt.

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83 (a) Overseeing all of the county debt shall include, but not be limited to,
84 administration of bond underwriters and counsel, financial advisor
85 services and capital fiscal monitoring.

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- 87 (b) The comptroller shall not be responsible for the development of
88 capital budget recommendations or managing projects as these are
89 the duties of the county executive and board.
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- 91 (2) The comptroller shall appoint one deputy to aid the comptroller,
92 under the comptroller's direction, in the discharge of the duties of the
93 office of comptroller. A deputy appointed under this paragraph may
94 be removed only for just cause. The appointment shall be in writing
95 and shall be filed and recorded in the comptroller's office. Such
96 deputy, in the absence of the comptroller from the comptroller's
97 office or in case of a vacancy in said office or any disability of the
98 comptroller to perform the duties of the office of comptroller, unless
99 another is appointed therefor as provided paragraph (3), shall perform
100 all of the duties of the office of comptroller until such vacancy is filled
101 or such disability is removed. The person so appointed shall take and
102 file the official oath. The person shall file his or her appointment with
103 the clerk. The board may, at its annual meeting or at any special
104 meeting, provide a salary for the deputy.
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- 106 (3) If any comptroller is incapable of discharging the duties of the office
107 of comptroller, the county executive shall appoint a person, subject to
108 confirmation of the board, comptroller who shall serve until such
109 disability is removed. A person so appointed or appointed to fill a
110 vacancy in the office of the comptroller, upon giving an official bond
111 with like sureties as are required of such comptroller, shall perform all
112 of the duties of such office, and thereupon the powers and duties of
113 any deputy performing the duties of the last comptroller shall cease.
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- 115 (4) Whenever requested to do so by the county executive or board, the
116 comptroller shall provide an independent fiscal analysis of any matter
117 affecting the county, and shall provide the county executive and
118 board with a fiscal note for all proposed legislation.
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- 120 (5) Respond to requests from the county executive and county board to
121 provide independent and nonpartisan research services. This includes
122 drafting of resolutions, ordinances or amendments and providing
123 support to the standing committees and meetings of the county board
124 to assist the legislative and executive branch in fact-based decision
125 making.
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127 SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication or
128 August 18, 2013, whichever is later.