

1 By Supervisor Weishan

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3 **A RESOLUTION**
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5 to extend the time to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of
6 Milwaukee and Milwaukee County for the operation and regulation of taxicab service
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8 WHEREAS, in early 2013, the Institute for Justice filed a lawsuit in Milwaukee
9 County that stated Milwaukee's limit on the number of taxicabs allowed in the city is
10 arbitrary, anti-competitive, and unconstitutional; and
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12 WHEREAS, on April 16, 2013, a Milwaukee County Circuit Court judge ruled that
13 the city's taxicab ordinance, which set a cap on taxicab permits in 1991, violated the
14 State's constitution affirming this lawsuit; and
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16 WHEREAS, on April 25, 2013, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
17 adopted File No. 13-228, which the County Executive signed, supporting the City of
18 Milwaukee's Common Council File No. 111222, seeking to repeal the City's cap on
19 issuing new public passenger vehicle permits; and
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21 WHEREAS, since the April 16, 2013, Circuit Court ruling, the City of Milwaukee
22 has appealed the circuit judge's decision that the City's taxicab regulations violate the
23 state's constitution; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted File No. 13-
26 652 on September 26, 2013 (vote 14-4) that:
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- 28 • directed the Office of the Milwaukee County Executive to negotiate an
29 Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee
30 County in order to transfer all operation and regulation of taxicab services to
31 Milwaukee County
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- 33 • directed negotiations are to include but are not limited to:
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 - 35 ▪ Rate structure/taxes/fees
 - 36 ▪ Vehicle inspections
 - 37 ▪ Administrative costs/savings
 - 38 ▪ Infrastructure usage
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 - 40 ▪ "Green" incentives
 - 41 ▪ Intermodal capabilities / opportunities
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- 43 • limit permits to non-transferable permits
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- 45 • Milwaukee County develop, through its transit system, a taxicab dispatch
46 service available to all permitted taxicabs

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- the Office of the Milwaukee County Executive or its designee will provide a report back to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit and/or the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit on negotiation details
- the negotiations will be completed by December 31, 2013, with the transfer and implementation of service by June 1, 2014

; and

WHEREAS, despite the County Executive's veto of File No. 13-652, that was subsequently overridden on November 7, 2013 (vote 14-4), the County Executive pledged in his veto message to "...engaging in conversations with the City to explore the possibility and their interest in transferring this service;" and

WHEREAS, although the City increased the number of cab permits by 100 to 420 in late November 2013, opportunities still exist to reform the taxicab system that would be achieved by intergovernmental cooperation negotiations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforementioned negotiation deadline outlined in File No. 13-652 be extended by six months to June 30, 2014, with relevant updates provided to the County Board on the status of the negotiations, including identification of any state statutes that need to be reformed to improve the delivery of taxicab service in Milwaukee County.