

1 Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, reporting on:

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4 File No. 16-179

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6 (ITEM) From Corporation Counsel, on behalf of the Milwaukee County Pension
7 Board, requesting authorization to amend Section 9.03(4) of the Milwaukee County
8 Code of General Ordinances regarding annual Statement of Interest filing requirements
9 for Pension Board members and officers, by recommending the adoption of the
10 following:

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12 **A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

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14 WHEREAS, the ethics code of the Milwaukee County Code of General
15 Ordinances (the Code) was amended in File No. 04-191, adopted on December 16,
16 2004, to add a requirement that Milwaukee County Pension Board (Pension Board)
17 members file a Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) on a quarterly basis rather than
18 the annual filing required of all other Milwaukee County (the County) officers,
19 employees, board and commission members, and elected officials; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Pension Board believes that the policy and justification for the
22 SEI filing requirement is the same for Pension Board members as for all other
23 individuals required to file an SEI and that the unique requirement of quarterly SEI
24 filings by Pension Board members does not provide meaningful additional information to
25 the public, beyond the information in the annual SEI filing, to outweigh the burden
26 placed on Pension Board members and County staff; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) finds
29 that because the quarterly filings by Pension Board members and officers do not
30 provide meaningful additional information beyond that contained in the annual filing
31 requirement, the quarterly filings needlessly burden Pension Board members; and
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33 WHEREAS, the County Board finds it is appropriate to apply the same annual
34 SEI filing requirement to Pension Board members as others who are required to file an
35 SEI; and
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37 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its
38 meeting of May 12, 2016, recommended adoption of Corporation Counsel's request
39 (vote 4-2); and
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41 WHEREAS, at the May 26, 2016 meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of
42 Supervisors, this resolution/ordinance was referred back to the Committee on Judiciary,
43 Safety, and General Services (vote 16-2); and
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45 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its
46 meeting of July 14, 2016, REAFFIRMED its previous recommendation to recommend
47 adoption of Corporation Counsel's request (vote 4-1); now, therefore,
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, Section 9.03(4) of the Milwaukee County Code of General
50 Ordinances is hereby amended to provide for annual Statement of Economic Interest
51 filings by Milwaukee County Pension Board members and officers; and
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53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to ensure the above-noted revisions are properly
54 codified, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the following:
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56 AN ORDINANCE

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58 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as
59 follows:
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61 **Section 1.** Section 9.03(4) is amended to read as follows:
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63 **9.03. – Financial disclosure.**

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65 (4) *Annual statement of economic interest filing requirement:*

66 (a) *[Requirements.]* Each person required to file a statement of economic
67 interests shall file updated statements with the ethics board within thirty (30) days
68 after the closing of each calendar year.

69 ~~(b) *Quarterly financial disclosure required for pension board:* Each member of
70 the county pension board and each employee of the pension board who is a
71 county official or employee, shall complete and file with the ethics board a
72 quarterly financial disclosure statement no later than the last day of the month
73 following the end of each calendar quarter or any portion thereof in which he or
74 she was a member or employee of the county pension board. Such financial
75 disclosure statements shall be in the form prescribed by the ethics board and
76 shall identify the date and nature of any purchase, sale, put, call, option, lease, or
77 creation, dissolution or modification of any economic interest made during the
78 quarter for which the report is filed and disclosure of which would be required by
79 this code.~~

80 ~~(be) *No compensation until filing:* A person required to file a statement of
81 economic interests under this section shall not receive his/her salary or other
82 compensation until he/she files such statement of economic interests.~~

83 ~~(cd) *Disclosure by spouse:* County elected officials, appointed officials,
84 candidates, and employees required to file statements of economic interests, as
85 required by section 9.03, shall include and file statements of a spouse's
86 employment and financial assets and liabilities.~~

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88 **Section 2.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage and
89 publication.
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