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10 AN ORDINANCE

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12 The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows:

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14 **Section 1. Section 1.25, General Ordinances of Milwaukee County, is amended as**
15 **follows:**

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17 1.25. - Directives of the county board; how enforced.

18 (1) *County clerk; responsibilities.* Whenever the county board adopts a resolution
19 or ordinance which directs any county officer, board or commission to perform a
20 certain act or to make a report, it shall be the responsibility of the county clerk, to
21 transmit a copy of the resolution or ordinance which was adopted to the county
22 officer, board or commission and the county executive.

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24 (2) *County executive; responsibilities.* It shall be the responsibility of the county
25 executive to see that all resolutions or ordinances adopted by the county board
26 are properly carried out and to inform the county board should the officer,
27 department head or board or commission directed to perform a duty or make a
28 report fail to do so within a reasonable period of time.

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30 (3) *Departments; responsibilities.* County officers, department heads or boards or
31 commissions shall from time to time report to the county executive and county
32 board the steps that have been taken in carrying out any directive and shall also
33 submit to him/her or the appropriate standing committee a copy of their final
34 report on the action taken.

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36 (4) *Political Activity Prohibited.* The heads of county departments, bureaus,
37 boards and commissions or any other member of their respective departments,
38 bureaus, boards and commissions, in their official capacities, are prohibited from
39 recommending any changes or amendments of the laws of the State of
40 Wisconsin to the legislature of the State of Wisconsin, or to any committee of the
41 legislature, or to any member of the legislature of the State of Wisconsin without
42 first submitting to the county board any changes or amendments of the laws of

43 the State of Wisconsin and obtaining the approval of and a directive from said
44 county board. In instances where matters are before the legislature at times
45 when the county board is not in session, or when a meeting of the county board
46 cannot be practicably convened, the directive of the committee on
47 intergovernmental relations shall serve as said policy directive. In rare instances
48 where a meeting of said committee cannot be called to consider a matter before
49 the legislature of an immediate and urgent nature, which directly impacts on
50 Milwaukee County, notice of such situation shall be given to the chair of the
51 county board and the chair of the committee on intergovernmental relations, who
52 shall give immediate direction on said matter. Final direction will subsequently be
53 given by the committee on intergovernmental relations and, if deemed
54 necessary, by the county board.

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56 (5) *Other Political Activity.* Nothing in section 4 above, or the remainder of this
57 section shall be construed as preventing any elected official from engaging in
58 lobbying activities as an individual, or in their official capacity, if they make it clear
59 that they are not representing the position of Milwaukee County. Further, no
60 privately funded lobbying activities shall be engaged by any official, elected or
61 appointed, on behalf of any policy position that is not the adopted or stated
62 position of Milwaukee County Government.

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64 (6) *Penalty.* Penalty for willfully violating this code by any department head or
65 employee is considered a cause for discharge, suspension or demotion.

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68 **SECTION 2. This ordinance is effective upon passage and publication.**

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71 **Adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**
72 **November 1, 2012**