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5 County Ordinance No. 16-8  
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10 AN ORDINANCE  
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12 The Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as follows:  
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14 **Section 1.** Chapter 1.11 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is  
15 hereby amended as follows:  
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17 3) *Committee on judiciary, safety and general services.*  
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- 19 1. Departmental policy of: county funded state court services, family court  
20 commissioner, jury commission, register in probate, election commission, county  
21 clerk, register of deeds, sheriff, medical examiner, legal resource center, district  
22 attorney, department of child support services, and corporation counsel.  
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- 24 2. (a) *Actions against the county.* The committee, subject to full board approval,  
25 shall review and approve all matters pertaining to suits or claims against the  
26 county, including, but not limited to, those for personal injuries and property  
27 damage. The committee has the authority to approve the payment of claims  
28 against the county in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)  
29 and to recommend to the board approval or denial of claims and settlements in  
30 excess of that amount.  
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- 32 (b) *Actions initiated by the county.* The committee, subject to full board approval,  
33 shall approve the initiation of all suits or claims by the county against other  
34 persons or entities where the amount claimed exceeds ten thousand dollars  
35 (\$10,000.00) or where the rights sought to be declared have a potential fiscal  
36 effect on the county in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), except when  
37 the county executive approves the initiation of an action on an emergency basis  
38 to preserve property, to protect the life, health or welfare of persons, or to obtain  
39 an injunction on the grounds set forth in ch. 813, Wis. Stats. In the event the  
40 county executive authorizes corporation counsel to file an action under this  
41 exception, corporation counsel shall provide a report to the committee members  
42 and the county board chair immediately upon receiving the county executive's  
43 authorization of such action.  
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- 45 (c) *Intracounty actions.* The committee shall consider and make its recommendation  
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47 thereon to the full board, subject to its approval, the initiation of all actions for  
48 declaratory, injunctive, or other extraordinary relief or remedy seeking to  
49 preserve, enforce, and defend the legal rights and status of the board in relation  
50 to other branches of county government or elected county officials. The  
51 committee, subject to full board approval, may delegate authority to the board  
52 chairperson, as head of the department of the county board, to initiate such an  
53 action on behalf of the board.

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55 ~~(e)~~(d) Corporation counsel is delegated authority to approve the payment of claims  
56 against the county where the payment is no more than five hundred dollars  
57 (\$500.00), pursuant to s. 59.52(12)(b), Wis. Stats. Corporation counsel is  
58 authorized to initiate claims or suits by the county against other persons or  
59 entities where the amount claimed is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or less  
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61 ~~(d)~~(e) The committee shall be afforded confidential access to privileged attorney-  
62 client communication and to attorney work product in any matter where  
63 Milwaukee County or a Milwaukee County officer or employe is named as a  
64 part in an action or proceeding arising from the commission of official duties.  
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66 3. Applications for licenses requiring action by the county board.

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68 4. Purchase of surety bonds.

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70 5. Action required by state statute.

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72 **Section 2.** Chapter 1.27 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is  
73 hereby amended as follows:

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75 1.27. - Chairperson of board is head of department.

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77 The chairperson of the county board is the head of the department of the county  
78 board for purposes of having budgeting and personnel oversight authority over all  
79 county board staff, overseeing departmental operations, approving departmental  
80 expenditures, and submitting requested budgets, and, as delegated and approved by  
81 the board, to initiate an action for declaratory, injunctive, or other extraordinary relief or  
82 remedy seeking to preserve, enforce, and defend the legal rights and status of the  
83 board in relation to other branches of county government or elected county officials.  
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85 **Section 3.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and  
86 publication.  
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90 **Adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**  
91 **March 17, 2016**