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From the Chief Deputy, Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office, requesting approval to create Section 56.34 within Chapter 56 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances relating to internet mortgage foreclosure sales auctions and authorizing those auctions by a registered auctioneer, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Office of the Sheriff (the Sheriff) is requesting the creation of Section 56.34 within Chapter 56 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, relating to internet mortgage foreclosure sales auctions and authorizing those auctions by a registered auctioneer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 846.16, Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), the Sheriff or referee conducts sales of foreclosed mortgaged premises; and

WHEREAS, Section 18 of 2017 Wisconsin Act 208 and Section 846.16(1g)(b), State Statutes, permit counties to enact an Ordinance requiring Sheriff foreclosure sales to be conducted via internet-based auctions using an auctioneer registered under Chapter 480, State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance creation builds upon the framework established by File No. 18-694, aligning with prior Milwaukee County efforts to modernize the Sheriff sale process and restrict property acquisition by non-compliant landlords; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of online auction sales aims to increase efficiency, accessibility, and transparency in the foreclosure process, while fostering a competitive and fair environment for bidders; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services, at its meeting of May 19, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-411 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, upon passage of the Ordinance herein, the Procurement Division, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), shall work in collaboration with the Office of the Sheriff, Clerk of Circuit Court, and Information Management Services Division, DAS, regarding the solicitation and engagement of an auctioneer registered under Chapter 480, Wisconsin State Statutes, to conduct internet-based foreclosure sales auctions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby creates Section 56.34, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:

45 **AN ENGROSSED ORDINANCE**

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47 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as follows:

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49 **SECTION 1.** Section 56.34 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is
50 created as follows:

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52 **56.34. - Internet Mortgage Foreclosure Sales**

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54 **A sheriff or referee conducting a foreclosure sale under Chapter 846,**
55 **Wisconsin State Statutes, shall sell the mortgaged premises using an internet-**
56 **based auction, and the sheriff or referee may engage an auctioneer registered**
57 **under Chapter 480, Wisconsin State Statutes, to conduct such sales.**

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59 **SECTION 2.** ~~The provisions of~~ This Ordinance shall ~~become effective~~ **take effect**
60 **on July 31, 2026,** or upon passage and publication **as required by law, whichever**
61 **occurs later.**

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