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4 County Ordinance No. 22-1181
5 File No. 23-1

6 AN ORDINANCE

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

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12 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 1.04(a) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is
13 amended as follows:

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15 1.04 - Voting.

16 (a) *Quorum.* A majority of the supervisors entitled to a seat in the county board shall
17 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All questions shall be
18 determined by a majority of the supervisors present **and voting**, unless otherwise
19 provided by statute or this chapter.

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21 (b) *Abstain from voting.* No member shall abstain from voting on a question when put,
22 except by specific notice of that supervisor. Any member wishing to abstain from
23 voting is expected to make a brief verbal statement of the reason for abstaining.

24 (c) *Roll call votes obligatory; when.* When a roll call is ordered by the chairperson, the
25 county clerk shall call the roll in alphabetical order, with the chairperson voting last,
26 and give to the chairperson the final number of those voting on each side. Debate
27 shall be closed with the commencement of the roll call and no motion shall be
28 received until after the result of the voting is announced by the chairperson. All
29 members shall be in the board room when voting, or present if appearing remotely
30 per 1.01(d) or 1.13(e). A roll call vote must be taken on:

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32 (1) Each committee report, and any proposed amendment(s) thereto. A motion to place
33 on file may be by voice vote by unanimous consent;

34 (2) Any action under suspension of rules;

35 (3) Any action to suspend the rules, unless unanimous consent be granted;

36 (4) Elections to offices and positions to be filled by the county board unless
37 otherwise provided by law.

38 (d) *Measures required to be adopted by affirmative vote of two-thirds or more of*
39 *members-elect of the board.* The following matters require the affirmative vote of
40 two-thirds (2/3) or more of the members-elect of the county board as hereinafter
41 designated:

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43 (1) Any resolution or ordinance transferring funds from the contingency
44 appropriation.

45 (2) Receipt of revenue appropriation transfers.

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47 (3) Any resolution or ordinance creating new, permanent, or temporary positions
48 or increasing salaries or other employment benefits which is acted upon by the
49 county board after the adoption of the budget applicable to the period in which
50 the ordinance or budget would become effective.

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52 (4) Any resolution or ordinance which has been vetoed by the county executive.

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54 (5) A motion to withdraw a matter from committee unless notice is given as
55 provided in section 1.09(b)(4) of the Code.

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57 (e) *Temporary borrowing.* Temporary borrowing under § 67.12, Wis. Stats., requires a
58 three-fourths (3/4) vote of members-elect to be adopted.

59 (f) *Procedure on matters vetoed by county executive.* A resolution or ordinance which
60 has been vetoed by the county executive and returned to the county board shall be
61 read by the county clerk, after which it shall be presented by the chairperson as
62 follows:

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64 "Shall the foregoing ordinance (resolution) vetoed by his/her honor, the county
65 executive, be adopted? If you wish to override the veto, you vote 'aye'; if you wish
66 to sustain the veto, you vote 'no.' "

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68 After the presentation of the above question by the chairperson, the following motions
69 are in order for non-budgetary vetoes only:

70 (1) To lay over;

71 (2) To refer to corporation counsel;

72 (3) To refer to a committee.

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74 If the resolution or ordinance is referred to committee, it shall be taken up at the next
75 meeting of the committee and reported to the board at its next meeting. Further, it shall
76 not be subject to amendment or change and on its return to the county board shall
77 again be presented by the chairperson in the manner set forth above.

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79 (g) *Changing votes during meetings.* Members may change their votes from "aye" to
80 "nay" or from "nay" to "aye" on any matter prior to the chairperson announcing the
81 vote. Once the results of a vote are announced, any member wishing to change
82 their vote, or to be recorded as voting, when such vote does not affect the outcome,
83 shall ask consent of the body. If any member objects to the request, the request
84 shall be voted on and shall be approved if supported by a majority of members
85 voting.

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87 **SECTION 2.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and
88 publication.

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91 **Adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**
92 **March 23, 2023**