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(ITEM ) From the Committee on Finance and Audit, requesting authorization to create Chapter 66 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to collect a Vehicle Registration Fee, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Stats §341.35 allows municipalities and counties to enact an annual flat vehicle registration fee, which fees may only be used for transportation related purposes; and

WHEREAS, without locating an additional source of funds the County Department of Transportation will not be able to sustain its current levels of operation and capital repairs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Wisconsin Stats §341.35 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopts a county vehicle registration fee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Office of Governmental Affairs to lobby the State of Wisconsin legislature to modify Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 341 to base the Vehicle Registration Fee on the value of the vehicle and also to fully fund local transportation needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Executive shall convene a public/private task force to consider ways to moderate the impact on low income households.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby creates Chapter 66 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances by adopting the following:

**AN ORDINANCE**

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

**Section 1.**

Chapter 66 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is hereby created as follows:

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE PROGRAM**

66.01. -Authority

47 This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Wisconsin  
48 §341.35.

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50 66.02. -Purpose

51 The purpose of this ordinance is to provide Milwaukee County with a source of  
52 funds, in addition to other funding sources, for eligible transportation related activities  
53 defined within Wisconsin §341.35.

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55 66.03. -Definition.

56 In this section, “motor vehicle” means an automobile or motor truck registered  
57 under §341.25(1)(c), Wis. Stats, at a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds, that  
58 is registered in this state and is customarily kept in Milwaukee County.

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60 66.04. -Annual registration fee.

61 At the time a motor vehicle is first registered or at the time of registration renewal,  
62 the applicant shall pay a county vehicle registration fee of \$30. This fee is in addition to  
63 other fees required by Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 341. The Wisconsin Department of  
64 Transportation (DOT) shall collect the fee. Use of funds generated by this registration  
65 fee shall be restricted to supporting Milwaukee County transportation activities.

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67 66.05. -Exemptions.

68 The following motor vehicles are exempt from the annual vehicle registration fee:

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70 (a) All vehicles exempted by Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 341 from payment of a  
71 state vehicle registration fee.

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73 (b) All vehicles registered by the state under Wisconsin Statutes § 341.26 for a  
74 fee of \$5.

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76 66.06. -Replacements.

77 No county vehicle registration fee may be imposed on a motor vehicle which is a  
78 replacement for a motor vehicle for which a current county vehicle registration fee has  
79 been paid.

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81 66.07. -Administrative costs.

82 The Wisconsin Department of Transportation shall retain a portion of the moneys  
83 collected under this section equal to the actual administrative costs related to the  
84 collection of these fees.

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86 **Section 2.**

87 The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.