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From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting removal of Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances 47.24 “Improper Use of Park Furniture,” by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the use of hammocks in public parks is an affordable and low-impact means of relaxing and enjoying green spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) seeks to be more welcoming to park users and to accommodate more people who wish to enjoy the outdoors, in service of our vision of becoming the healthiest county in the State of Wisconsin by achieving racial equity; and

WHEREAS, at present, Section 47.24 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code) specifically states that hammocks are not allowed within the parks system; and

WHEREAS, Section 47.24 of the Code that refers to improper use of park furniture is not needed for enforcement, and is redundant of other authorities granted to DPRC to prevent injury and damage to park property; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of May 7, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-435 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) supports the vision of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to become more welcoming to park users seeking to temporarily install and use hammocks in a safe and responsible manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby amends Section 47.24 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.** Section 47.24 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is amended as follows:

~~**47.24. -- Improper use of park furniture.**~~

~~**No person shall lie down upon any bench or table in any park or parkway, nor shall hang, occupy or use any hammock, excepting those used for placing infants therein.**~~

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**SECTION 2.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication.

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