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File No. 24-252

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6 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**
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8 Amending Chapter 46 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to
9 create Sections 46.12 to 46.18 – County and Cities Housing Committee,
10 comprised of members of the community, policymakers, and staff to discuss
11 housing-related issues across Milwaukee County and its municipalities and provide
12 recommendations for improvement
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14 WHEREAS, Chapter 46 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances
15 (MCGO) include duties and responsibilities for the Department of Health and Human
16 Services, which includes the Division of Housing Services; and
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18 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County enacted several housing initiatives to prevent
19 eviction in our community, including the Right to Counsel Program that provides
20 individuals who meet specific criteria an attorney to represent them during eviction
21 hearings (File No. 21-506); and
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23 WHEREAS, the County has also earmarked substantial American Rescue Plan
24 Act (ARPA) [funding](#) for housing community support programs, including Acts
25 Homeownership Acquisition Fund, Affordable Housing Development, Flexible Housing
26 Subsidy Pool, and Foreclosure Rehabilitation; and
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28 WHEREAS, a committee which includes members of the community, legal
29 housing experts, and landlords who work in conjunction with the Department of Health
30 and Human Services' Housing Division could aid the County's strategic plans to address
31 housing insecurity, eviction prevention, and combat homelessness; and
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33 WHEREAS, to provide a more comprehensive view of housing issues, it would
34 also be beneficial to include the City of Milwaukee and representatives of other local
35 municipalities as they have different roles, responsibilities, and authorities related to
36 housing issues compared to the County; and
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38 WHEREAS, the creation of a County and Cities Housing Committee would allow
39 members of the community, who are on the frontlines of housing insecurity issues, to
40 exchange information with local government officials and offer recommendations to
41 assist the County and other local entities in making more effective and equitable
42 decisions related to housing issues; and
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44 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic
45 Planning, at its meeting of March 6, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-252 as
46 amended (vote 4-0); now, therefore,
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48 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports
49 and endorses the creation of a County and Cities Housing Committee to facilitate
50 greater community dialogue and input to policymakers and staff on housing issues; and
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52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Clerk is requested to
53 provide committee coordinator services to the County and Cities Housing Committee to
54 assist with legislative service duties required for the committee; and
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56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Housing Administrator from the Housing**
57 **Services Division of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human**
58 **Services is requested to develop and submit a report to the Milwaukee County**
59 **Board of Supervisors as soon as practical that shall include, but not limited to,**
60 **items needed to support the County and Cities Housing Committee, including:**
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- 62 • **Ongoing resources required to administer the committee, including any**
63 **dedicated staff that may need to be created to manage the function to**
64 **ensure productive meetings and the flow of information to committee**
65 **members, stakeholders, and policymakers**
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- 67 • **A process for how potential at-large appointments to the committee will**
68 **be solicited and vetted to ensure compliance with eligibility requirements,**
69 **and readied to facilitate an efficient appointment and confirmation**
70 **process**
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- 72 • **A written understanding of the roles and responsibilities of committee**
73 **members including the development of any educational material to orient**
74 **them on housing programs and services currently provided by federal,**
75 **state, and local governmental entities**
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- 77 • **A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and City on**
78 **the structure and operation of the committee and how necessary**
79 **resources will be coordinated, managed and shared between officials in**
80 **the County and City of Milwaukee or other local government entities**
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- 82 • **A status report on the adoption by the City of Milwaukee of the committee**
83 **charter and progress between the City and County on the aforementioned**
84 **items so that the committee appointment and meeting process can**
85 **commence**
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87 **; and**
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89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
90 hereby amends Chapter 46 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to
91 create Sections 46.12 to 46.18 - County and Cities Housing Committee, through the
92 adoption of the following:

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AN ORDINANCE

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

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98 **SECTION 1.** Sections 46.12 to 46.18 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County
99 is hereby created as follows:

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101 **46.12. County and Cities Housing Committee**

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103 **46.13. Creation and purpose.**

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105 **There is a creation of a county and cities housing committee to exchange**
106 **information with, and promote dialogue among, housing advocates and other**
107 **individuals with lived experiences related to housing security and**
108 **governmental officials that effectuate programs. The committee may develop**
109 **recommendations related to housing policies, procedures, and practices for**
110 **local policymakers to review and consider.**

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112 **46.14. Composition.**

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114 **(1) The committee shall be comprised of twenty-one (21) voting members**
115 **including eight (8) ex officio members or their designees and thirteen (13)**
116 **community appointees. The ex-officio members shall include:**

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- 118 (a) Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Chairperson
119 (b) Milwaukee County Housing Administrator
120 (c) City of Milwaukee Common Council President
121 (d) City of Milwaukee Director of the Department of City Development
122 (e) City of Milwaukee Director of the Department of Neighborhood
123 Services
124 (f) Intergovernmental Cooperation Council of Milwaukee County
125 Chairperson
126 (g) Community Development Alliance Chief Alliance Executive
127 (h) Redress Movement Executive Director
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129 **46.15. Appointments of community members.**
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- 131 (1) The Milwaukee County Executive shall appoint six (6) community
132 members subject to confirmation by the Milwaukee County Board of
133 Supervisors and the City of Milwaukee Mayor shall appoint seven (7)
134 members subject to confirmation by the Milwaukee Common Council.
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- 136 (2) Terms and vacancies. The community members shall each be appointed
137 to a two-year term and may be reappointed for two additional terms.
138 Community members may not serve more than three two-year terms (six
139 years). Vacancies occurring because of resignation or other valid
140 reasons will be filled by appointment of a successor for the unexpired
141 term of the vacated office. Members may continue to serve past the end
142 of their term for up to sixty (60) days if no new appointment or
143 reappointment has been made by the appointing authority and confirmed
144 as outlined in subsection (1).
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- 146 (3) Qualifications. Community members shall have a primary residence in
147 Milwaukee County and possess a proficiency in housing related issues
148 or have lived experiences with homelessness or eviction. At least one of
149 the Milwaukee County Executive appointees shall have a primary
150 residence in a community with a population less than 80,000 residents.
151 The Milwaukee County Executive and City of Milwaukee Mayor shall
152 ensure no more than one (1) of their respective appointments serve as a
153 landlord or in a capacity that advocates for landlords.
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155 **46.16. Organization.**

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157 **The committee shall proceed to elect co-chairpersons; one from the list of**
158 **ex officio members and one from the community member appointments.**
159 **These elected committee co-chairpersons shall each serve a term of two (2)**
160 **years or until their appointment lapses per Section 46.15(2), whichever**
161 **comes first. The committee may re-elect a chairperson for successive**
162 **terms, but a community member may not serve as chair for more than two**
163 **two-year terms (four years). Vacancies in the co-chairperson roles shall be**
164 **filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the absence of a co-**
165 **chairperson, the other co-chairperson may fulfill the duties of the position.**
166 **The co-chairpersons shall coordinate who shall preside at all meetings of**
167 **the committee and other duties that may be required. The committee may**
168 **adopt bylaws of procedure by an affirmative vote of 14 or more members.**
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170 **46.17. Meetings.**

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172 **The committee shall establish a regular meeting schedule of no less than**
173 **quarterly and not more than monthly unless committee bylaws provide**
174 **otherwise. The co-chairpersons shall coordinate the setting of agendas**
175 **and, with the cooperation of all committee members, ensure committee**
176 **meetings are publicly held and open to all citizens at all times, as required**
177 **by s. 19.81, Wis. Stats.**
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179 **46.18. Reports.**

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181 **The committee's focus shall be to informally exchange information with, and**
182 **promote dialogue among, housing advocates and other individuals with lived**
183 **experiences related to housing security and governmental officials that**
184 **effectuate programs. The committee may wish to develop and provide formal**
185 **written recommendations to policymakers as a result of that dialogue,**
186 **provided such report receives an affirmative vote of a majority of the**
187 **members appointed and serving on the committee. It shall be the**
188 **responsibility of the co-chairpersons to submit the written report to the**
189 **appropriate jurisdiction(s).**
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191 **SECTION 2.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and
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