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4 **A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

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6 to amend Chapter 1 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to create a
7 subcommittee to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic
8 Planning, comprised of members of the community, to focus on housing insecurity and
9 develop housing eviction prevention strategies while ensuring racial equity

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12 WHEREAS, Chapter 1 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances
13 (“MCGO”) defines the rules of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; and

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15 WHEREAS, it is the purview of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
16 (“County Board”) to provide policy oversight to Milwaukee County departments,
17 functions, and operations; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic
20 Planning (HEHNSP) oversees the departmental policies of the Department on Health
21 and Human Services, including the divisions of Housing, Children Youth and Family
22 Services, Adult Services, Fiscal and Management Services, Veteran’s Services, and the
23 Director’s Office; and

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25 WHEREAS, the County Board adopted File No. 21-334 in March 2021 to amend
26 the MCGO to expand the work of the HEHNSP committee to include strategic planning
27 to ensure all county departments have a uniform strategic plan that reflects how current
28 policy, budget, and operational decisions of each department impacts County residents
29 while keeping racial equity and health at the forefront; and

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31 WHEREAS, the County enacted several housing initiatives to prevent eviction in
32 our community, including the Right to Counsel Program that provides individuals that
33 meet specific criteria an attorney to represent them during eviction hearings; and

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35 WHEREAS, it would aid the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and
36 Strategic Planning to create a subcommittee that includes members of the community,
37 legal housing experts, and landlords that work in conjunction with the Department of
38 Health and Human Services’ Housing Division to develop and refine strategic plans to
39 address housing insecurity, eviction prevention, and combat homelessness; and

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41 WHEREAS, notably, during the County’s annual budget process, the
42 subcommittee will engage with community members and stakeholders to gather insights

43 on the Recommended Budget and offer recommendations to the full committee that
44 may lead to changes to the budget to help ensure racial equity is being addressed; and
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46 WHEREAS, the subcommittee will allow members of the community a seat at the
47 table during the budgetary process and will assist the County Board in making equitable
48 decisions, including further refining the County’s housing prevention strategies and
49 addressing racial equity; and
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51 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its
52 meeting of March 10, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-309 (vote 4-0);
53 now, therefore,
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55 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
56 establishes the creation of a subcommittee on housing security of the Committee on
57 Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning; and
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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the chairperson of the subcommittee on housing
60 security shall be the chairperson of the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs,
61 and Strategic Planning and include six additional members: two community members,
62 two housing subject matter experts, and two landlords appointed by the County Board
63 chairperson; and
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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the chairperson of the subcommittee on housing
66 security will determine the meeting schedule and the Office of the Milwaukee County
67 Clerk shall provide staffing to support the subcommittee; and
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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
70 hereby amends Chapter 1 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances
71 through the adoption of the following:
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73 **AN ORDINANCE**

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75 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as follows:
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77 **SECTION 1.** Section 1.11(4) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is
78 hereby amended as follows:

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- (4) *Committee on health, equity, human needs, and strategic planning.*
1. Departmental policy of the department of health and human services, including the divisions of behavioral health, aging, housing, youth, and family services, disabilities services, management services, including veterans' services, and director's office.
 2. All policy matters related to the office for persons with disabilities in the department of administrative services.
 3. All policy matters related to county-wide and individual department strategic planning.
 4. **Subcommittee on housing security for the committee on health equity, human needs, and strategic planning.**
 - (a) **A housing security subcommittee of the committee on health equity, human needs, and strategic planning, chaired by the chairperson of the committee on health equity, human needs, and strategic planning shall include six additional members from the community as appointed by the county board chairperson. This shall consist of four at-large community members and two housing subject matter experts. At least one member should have been issued a notice of eviction, and at least one member should have experienced homelessness or precarious housing. At no time shall more than two landlords be members. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the county board chairperson.**
 - (b) **The subcommittee will work in conjunction with the department of health and human services' housing division to develop housing security prevention strategies. The subcommittee on housing security shall also:**
 - (c) **Develop and refine strategic plans to address housing eviction prevention**
 - (d) **Develop and refine strategic plans to address short-term and long-term homelessness**
 - (e) **Engage with community members and stakeholders to gather their insight on the Recommended Budget related to housing security and any recommended changes**
 - (f) **Review the County's housing security services objectives and ensure they align with the County's racial equity plan**

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

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