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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); and
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54 WHEREAS, the County Board, at its meeting of March 24, 2022, referred File
55 No. 22-309 to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning
56 (HEHNSP) (vote 18-0); and
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58 WHEREAS, the Committee on HEHNSP, at its meeting of May 18, 2022, laid
59 over File No. 22-309 for one meeting (vote 3-1); and
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61 WHEREAS, the Committee on HEHNSP, at its meeting of June 17, 2022,
62 recommended REJECTION of File No. 22-309, due to a failed motion to recommend
63 adoption (vote 2-3); now, therefore,
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65 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
66 establishes the creation of a subcommittee on housing security of the Committee on
67 Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning; and
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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the chairperson of the subcommittee on housing
70 security shall be the chairperson of the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs,
71 and Strategic Planning and include six additional members: two community members,
72 two housing subject matter experts, and two landlords appointed by the County Board
73 chairperson; and
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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the chairperson of the subcommittee on housing
76 security will determine the meeting schedule and the Office of the Milwaukee County
77 Clerk shall provide staffing to support the subcommittee; and
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79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
80 hereby amends Chapter 1 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances
81 through the adoption of the following:
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83 **AN ORDINANCE**
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85 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as follows:

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87 **SECTION 1.** Section 1.11(4) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is
88 hereby amended as follows:

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90 (4) *Committee on health, equity, human needs, and strategic planning.*

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92 1. Departmental policy of the department of health and human services,
93 including the divisions of behavioral health, aging, housing, youth, and
94 family services, disabilities services, management services, including
95 veterans' services, and director's office.

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97 2. All policy matters related to the office for persons with disabilities in the
98 department of administrative services.

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100 3. All policy matters related to county-wide and individual department strategic
101 planning.

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103 **4. Subcommittee on housing security for the committee on health equity,
104 human needs, and strategic planning.**

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106 **(a) A housing security subcommittee of the committee on health
107 equity, human needs, and strategic planning, chaired by the
108 chairperson of the committee on health equity, human needs,
109 and strategic planning shall include six additional members
110 from the community as appointed by the county board
111 chairperson. This shall consist of four at-large community
112 members and two housing subject matter experts. At least
113 one member should have been issued a notice of eviction,
114 and at least one member should have experienced
115 homelessness or precarious housing. At no time shall more
116 than two landlords be members. All members shall serve at
117 the pleasure of the county board chairperson.**

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119 **(b) The subcommittee will work in conjunction with the
120 department of health and human services' housing division
121 to develop housing security prevention strategies. The
122 subcommittee on housing security shall also:**

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124 **(c) Develop and refine strategic plans to address housing
125 eviction prevention**

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127 **(d) Develop and refine strategic plans to address short-term and
128 long-term homelessness**

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130 **(e) Engage with community members and stakeholders to
131 gather their insight on the Recommended Budget related to
132 housing security and any recommended changes**

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134 **(f) Review the County's housing security services objectives
135 and ensure they align with the County's racial equity plan**

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

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