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 A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the continuance of a \$200 annual uniform allowance to Public Safety
Officers and requesting the Department of Human Resources to review and recommend
changes to Section 17.14(10) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances
related to uniform allowances to correct, clarify, and improve the presentation of the
Uniform Allowance Section of the Code

WHEREAS, some County job classifications require wearing a uniform as part of the job; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, a uniform allowance is paid to help defray the employee's cost of acquiring and/or maintaining the uniform; and

WHEREAS, for example, members of the Milwaukee Deputy Sheriffs' Association (MDSA) receive an annual uniform allowance as delineated in their collective bargaining agreement with Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, uniform allowances for other job classifications are determined either through collective bargaining, fixed to other positions subject to collective bargaining, based on historical payments while previously a member of a recognized bargaining unit, and/or are authorized in Section 17.14(10) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (MCGO); and

WHEREAS, uniform allowance payments for certain job classifications have also been authorized by language in previously adopted budget narratives, with the requisite funds included in the appropriate personnel accounts; and

WHEREAS, there are 31 positions of Public Safety Officer and one position of Supervisor Public Safety Officer in the Office of the Sheriff that staff security checkpoints in County buildings; and these positions have previously been eligible for the \$200 annual uniform allowance, which is included in the 2022 Adopted Budget, but not specifically authorized in MCGO 17.14(10) or the budget narrative; and

WHEREAS, it is the authority and responsibility of the County Board to authorize additional compensation for employees, as verified by the Department of Human Resources and paid by the Office of the Comptroller's Payroll Division; and

WHEREAS, MCGO Section 17.14(10) related to uniform allowances is outdated and should be examined by the Department of Human Resources to ensure the proper job classifications are identified and there is improved clarity on those eligible and authorized to receive an annual uniform allowance stipend; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Personnel, at its meeting of July 12, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-751 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the payment of an annual \$200 uniform allowance to the positions of Public Safety Officer and Supervisor Public Safety Officer for 2022 and subsequent years subject to allocation of the necessary funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Human Resources is authorized and directed to review Section 17.14(10) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances related to Uniform Allowances and submit recommended changes to the County Board no later than the October 2022 meeting cycle to correct, clarify, and improve the presentation of the uniform allowance section of the Code.

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