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County Ordinance No. 24-3  
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AN ORDINANCE

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

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

**46.12. County and Cities Housing Committee**

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

**46.14. Composition.**

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

- (a) Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Chairperson
- (b) Milwaukee County Housing Administrator
- (c) City of Milwaukee Common Council President
- (d) City of Milwaukee Director of the Department of City Development
- (e) City of Milwaukee Director of the Department of Neighborhood Services
- (f) Intergovernmental Cooperation Council of Milwaukee County

**Chairperson**  
(a) Community Development Alliance Chief Executive  
(b) Bedares Movement Executive Director

**46.15. Appointments of community members.**

(1) The Milwaukee County Executive shall appoint six (6) community members subject to confirmation by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the City of Milwaukee Mayor shall appoint seven (7) members subject to confirmation by the Milwaukee Common Council.

(2) **Terms and vacancies.** The community members shall each be appointed to a two-year term and may be reappointed for two additional terms. Community members may not serve more than three two-year terms (six years). Vacancies occurring because of resignation or other valid reasons will be filled by appointment of a successor for the unexpired term of the vacated office. Members may continue to serve past the end of their term for up to sixty (60) days if no new appointment or reappointment has been made by the appointing authority and confirmed as outlined in subsection (1).

(3) **Qualifications.** Community members shall have a primary residence in Milwaukee County and possess a proficiency in housing related issues or have lived experiences with homelessness or eviction. At least one of the Milwaukee County Executive appointees shall have a primary residence in a community with a population less than 80,000 residents. The Milwaukee County Executive and City of Milwaukee Mayor shall ensure no more than one (1) of their respective appointments serve as a landlord or in a capacity that advocates for landlords.

**46.16. Organization.**

The committee shall proceed to elect co-chairpersons: one from the list of ex officio members and one from the community member appointments. These elected committee co-chairpersons shall each serve a term of two (2) years or until their appointment lapses per Section 46.15(2), whichever comes first. The committee may re-elect a chairperson for successive terms, but a community member may not serve as chair for more than two two-

year terms (four years). Vacancies in the co-chairperson roles shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the absence of a co-78 chairperson, the other co-chairperson may fulfill the duties of the position. The co-chairpersons shall coordinate who shall preside at all meetings of the committee and other duties that may be required. The committee may adopt bylaws of procedure by an affirmative vote of 14 or more members.

**46.17. Meetings.**

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

**46.18. Reports.**

The committee's focus shall be to informally exchange information with, and promote dialogue among, housing advocates and other individuals with lived experiences related to housing security and governmental officials that effectuate programs. The committee may wish to develop and provide formal written recommendations to policymakers as a result of that dialogue, provided such report receives an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed and serving on the committee. It shall be the responsibility of the co-chairpersons to submit the written report to the appropriate jurisdiction(s).

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

Adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
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