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10 AN ORDINANCE
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12 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain
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15 SECTION 1. Section 34.095 is created as follows:
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17 **34.095 Investigations concerning fraud, waste, and abuse**
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19 The Office of the Comptroller – Audit Services Division, having established a hotline for
20 the purposes of receiving and investigating allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse in
21 Milwaukee County government, the following shall apply:
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23 (a) The Audit Services Division is authorized to investigate allegations of fraud,
24 waste, or abuse. Powers of the Audit Services Division include those described
25 in Section 34.09.
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27 (b) All County employees, officers, elected officials, vendors, contractors,
28 subcontractors, and applicants, unless otherwise excluded, shall cooperate by
29 providing complete, true, and honest records and testimony in any and all
30 investigations conducted pursuant to this chapter.
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32 (c) All County departments', offices', contractors', and subcontractors' premises,
33 personnel, equipment, records, documents, books, and papers, unless otherwise
34 excluded, shall be made available to the Director of Audits, his agent or designee
35 at any and all times with or without notice. For contractors and subcontractors,
36 this provision shall be enforceable for three (3) years following the date of last
37 payment.
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39 (d) Any and all County contracts and solicitations for contracts shall include a
40 statement that the contractor and any subcontractors understand and will abide
41 by the requirements of this chapter.
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43 (e) No County employee, officer, elected official, vendor, contractor, or subcontractor
44 shall retaliate against any person who in good faith reports to, assists,
45 cooperates with, provides information to, or contacts the Audit Services Division
46 regarding fraud, waste, or abuse.

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- (f) No person shall willfully or otherwise knowingly interfere with or obstruct an investigation conducted by announced audit personnel pursuant to this chapter.
- (g) Investigation information, files, and records shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except as required by law and except as needed to properly investigate allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse, including but not limited to, disclosure to law enforcement and regulatory agencies.
- (h) The Audit Services Division shall submit to the County Executive and the County Board an annual report describing the activities related to fraud, waste, and abuse in Milwaukee County government in the preceding year.
- (i) All County employees, officers, elected officials, vendors, contractors, and subcontractors are required to report in a reasonable amount of time to the Audit Services Division all known instances or allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse in Milwaukee County government.
- (j) No person shall knowingly make a materially false statement which the person does not believe to be true at the time of the statement to the Audit Services Division concerning fraud, waste, and abuse.
- (k) Any person subject to the requirements of this chapter who willfully violates any provision of this chapter may be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, discharge from employment, debarment from doing business with Milwaukee County, and/or a citation issued under section 63.09(2) of the ordinances carrying a cash deposit and maximum penalty of \$100 for each day that a violation occurs.
- (l) The provisions of this code shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the County Board would have passed the other provisions of this code irrespective of whether or not one (1) or more provisions may be declared invalid, and if any provision of this code or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the code and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication.

**Adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
March 26, 2015**