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10 AN ORDINANCE

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

13 **Section 1. Chapter 3 COUNTY BOARD DISTRICTS**

14 **3.01. Apportionment of county board.**

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16 (1) Establishment of Redistricting Authority

17 Independent Redistricting Committee. In order to maintain the integrity of the
18 redistricting process and to mitigate any conflicts of interest or claims of politicization,
19 an Independent Redistricting Committee (IRC) shall be established by this Code and
20 shall be initially convened in accordance with the final published results of the 2020
21 federal decennial census and every census thereafter to develop all subsequent
22 decennial redistricting plans for Milwaukee County.

23 ~~(1)(2)~~ Statement of principles.

24 ~~In order to minimize the differences of population between the eighteen (18) county~~
25 ~~supervisory districts established by the county board in accordance with the final~~
26 ~~published results of the 2010 federal decennial census, as distributed by an agency~~
27 ~~of the state and to comply with s. 59.10(2), [Wis. Stats.].~~ County supervisory districts
28 are hereafter established so as to represent as nearly as practicable an equal number
29 of persons, but considering such other factors as continuity of interest, compactness
30 of territory and contiguity, and continuity and integrity of existing village and city lines
31 and precincts wherever possible, and with the predominant objective of achieving an
32 honest and good faith effort to ~~reduce to the lowest level possible the population~~
33 ~~differences among all eighteen (18) create the greatest possible equal population~~
34 distribution among all districts.

35 (a) Committee criteria. The IRC's redistricting plan shall comply with the following
36 criteria:

37 (1) Federal equal population mandates

38 (2) Redistricting criteria established by federal and state laws

39 (3) Maintenance of voting rights of Hispanic and African American and other
40 citizens as guaranteed in the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

41 (4) A map that consists of districts that take into account the integrity of existing
42 neighborhoods and communities of interest within Milwaukee County.

43 (b) Members. The IRC shall be composed of six (6) retired judges, appointed by the
44 County Board Chairperson and confirmed by the County Board, who are residents of
45 familiar with Milwaukee County, and maintain a Wisconsin law license in good standing.
46 appointed by the County Board Chairperson.

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48 (c) Comment Period for Community Groups. There shall be a comment period of no
49 less than 60 days for specified community groups to submit written feedback regarding
50 the appointees to the County Board Chairperson's office. The County Board
51 Chairperson shall send copies of the nominated IRC members' resumes and
52 appointment letters to the following organizations no less than 60 days prior to
53 confirmation:

54 (1) Marquette University Law School

55 (2) University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Public Administration

56 (3) The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

57 (4) The Milwaukee Urban League

58 (5) The Public Policy Forum

59 (6) The Intergovernmental Cooperation Council of Milwaukee County

60 (7) The League of Women Voters

61 (8) The NAACP

62 (9) Voces De La Frontera.

63 (d) Resources. Milwaukee County shall provide an accessible meeting space and
64 sum sufficient funding for the Committee to complete its tasks in a timely manner,
65 including financial support to pay the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning
66 Commission (SEWRPC) to provide the necessary technical assistance and map
67 drafting services as determined by the IRC to carry out its objective.

68 (e) Compensation. Members of the IRC shall be compensated in the amount \$5,000,
69 or a comparable rate of those who serve on similar public committees. This
70 compensation shall only be offered for services rendered during the time frame in which
71 the decennial redistricting process occurs.

72 (2)(3) Apportionment of supervisory districts. Eighteen (18) supervisory districts are
73 hereafter established as the county supervisory districts for the spring primary in
74 February 2012 and spring election in April 2012 and are to remain in effect until the
75 2020 federal decennial population census is certified, or unless and until the
76 number of supervisory districts changes. at which time the county board shall
77 thereafter determine the maximum number of county board supervisory districts to
78 be established for the 2024 spring election. A County Board resolution will be
79 submitted in tandem with the certification of the 2020 federal decennial population
80 census and thereafter to adopt the number of supervisory districts established in the
81 recommended map.

82 (4) Process. The IRC shall be appointed no later than the end of September in the year
83 2020, 2030, and every decennial period thereafter.

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- 85 a. The IRC will convene as soon as practicable after the U.S. decennial census
86 data is prepared and available to the County. The IRC will meet no less than
87 once a month thereafter until a redistricting map is presented to the County
88 Board, no later than May of the year after appointment.
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- 90 b. Adoption of the map by the County Board shall be by a simple majority of the
91 supervisors then seated. The map and any subsequent drafts proposed by IRC
92 shall be voted on by the County Board.
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- 94 c. If the County Board does not adopt the proposed map within thirty (30) days, the
95 map shall return to the IRC for review and redrawing of a second draft, heeding
96 public and elected official comment.
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- 98 d. The IRC's second draft of the map, if any, shall be returned to the County Board
99 within twenty (20) days. If the County Board does not adopt the proposed
100 second draft map within ten (10) days, the map shall return to the IRC for review
101 and redrawing of a third draft, heeding public and elected official comment.
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- 103 e. The IRC's third draft of the map, if any, shall be returned to the County Board
104 within ten (10) days. If the County Board does not adopt the proposed third draft
105 map within five (5) days, the County Board shall proceed to develop and adopt a
106 map directly, without further IRC consultation, following procedures in Wis. Stat.
107 s. 59.10(2)(a) and related provisions.

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109 (5) Redistricting for Other Municipalities. Milwaukee County shall offer the same
110 redistricting services to all 19 municipalities, at the expense of the County.

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- 112 a. All municipalities are requested to utilize Milwaukee County's redistricting
113 committee ~~process~~ and resources to allow for a consistent and uniform
114 model and mapping structure.
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- 116 b. Any municipality that declines to utilize Milwaukee County's redistricting
117 services shall be requested to provide a detailed written report on their
118 individual redistricting process and costs, to include the corresponding maps,
119 population numbers, and demographics as determined by their respective
120 system.
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- 122 c. Municipalities will retain final approval of their respective municipal
123 redistricting maps regardless of which agency's redistricting process and
124 services they utilize.

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126 (6) Committee Operations. The IRC shall convene and timely complete its work as
127 required by state statute and federal law. ~~Before preparing its first map, the~~ The IRC shall

128 hold no fewer than four (4) public hearings for public comment regarding the proposed
129 district maps. No more than two IRC public hearings shall be held in any one
130 municipality.

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132 (7) *Municipality Public Hearing.* Any municipality that opts to take advantage of
133 Milwaukee County's offer for redistricting services shall be required to hold at least one
134 (1) public hearing for public comment regarding the proposed redistricting map. The
135 public hearing shall be held at a location within the respective district.

136 **Section 2.** The provisions of this amended ordinance shall become effective upon
137 passage and publication.
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**Adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
March 17, 2016**