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From the Director, Milwaukee County Zoo (the Zoo), requesting authorization to amend Section 50.041 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, regarding the Zoo Railroad, Specimen, and Conservation and Research Program Fund to conform to the 2017 Adopted Budget, by recommending adoption of the following.

**A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, on February 2, 1937, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) established the Zoo Specimen Fund for use in acquiring animals and related expenses for the benefit and improvement of the Milwaukee County Zoo (the Zoo); and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 1956, and June 23, 1964, the County Board established the Zoo Railroad Fund to defray the cost of railroad operations and ensure the long-term stability of the attraction; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Zoo to inspire public understanding, support, and participation in the global conservation of animal species and their environments; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo has been an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) since 1976; and

WHEREAS, a primary focus area to maintain accreditation by AZA is participation in programming to advance the conservation of species and habitats; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo receives funding for conservation and research programming from internal and external sources, including the point-of-sale fundraising campaigns, the Zoological Society of Milwaukee, and public and private grants; and

WHEREAS, funding for conservation is currently combined with the Zoo Specimen Fund; and

WHEREAS, special revenue funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources restricted to expenditure for specific purposes; and

WHEREAS, separate expenditure and revenue sources are being combined in the Zoo Specimen and Zoo Railroad Funds; and

WHEREAS, general accepted accounting practices recommend that revenues and expenditures not intended for the same purpose be segregated; and

45 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of  
46 December 6, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 4-0); now,  
47 therefore,  
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby approves  
50 the creation of the Conservation and Research Program Fund for the Milwaukee County  
51 Zoo to be governed by Chapter 50 of the Milwaukee County Code of General  
52 Ordinances (the Code); and  
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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby amends Section 50.041  
55 of the Code by adopting the following:  
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57 **AN ORDINANCE**  
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59 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as  
60 follows:  
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62 **SECTION 1.** Section 50.041 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is  
63 amended as follows:  
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65 50.041. – Zoo railroad, ~~and specimen,~~ and conservation and research program funds.  
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67 (1) The zoological director or designee shall maintain the following funds. The  
68 zoological director or designee shall make all decisions concerning the  
69 use thereof, subject to general supervision of the county board.  
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71 (a) The zoo railroad fund established by the county board (Journal of  
72 Proceedings, May 29, 1956, p. 682; June 23, 1964, p. 908). The  
73 fund shall receive all revenues from the operation of the railroad  
74 and zoomobiles, and, in the discretion of the zoo director, any other  
75 revenues from other zoo attractions and activities or unrestricted  
76 donations. The fund may be used for expenditures for the following  
77 purposes and in the following order of priority:  
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79 (1) Defraying the cost of railroad operations;  
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81 (2) Replacement, additions, extensions and/or improvement of the  
82 railroad, including its road bed and rolling stock;  
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84 (3) Purchase of additional train(s), when in the determination of  
85 the zoo director patronage and public demand warrant it;  
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87 (4) Acquiring animals and related expenses and for the benefit  
88 and/or improvement of the zoo, including additional attractions.  
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(b) The zoo specimen fund established by the county board (Journal of Proceedings, February 2, 1937, p. 811). The fund shall receive revenues from the sale of animals and, in the discretion of the zoological director or designee, the fund may also receive revenues from zoo attractions and activities, other than from the operation of the railroad and zoomobiles, and from unrestricted donations. The fund may be used for expenditures for acquiring animals and related expenses, and for the benefit and/or improvement of the zoo, including staff education and development expenses, ~~and for expenses related to zoo conservation programs.~~

(c) The Conservation and Research Program fund established by the county board (December 15, 2016). At the discretion of the zoological director or designee, the fund may receive revenues from zoo attractions, activities and donations except for those identified in (a) and (b), for expenditure towards conservation, research, green practices and the overall benefit and improvement of the Zoo.

(2) The railroad trust fund, ~~and the specimen fund~~ and conservation and research program fund shall be carried over from one (1) year to the next subject to legal restrictions.

(3) The funds shall be invested by the county treasurer.

(4) Interest from investment income on the funds is to be credited to the funds and not the county general fund.

**SECTION 2.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication.

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