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A resolution/ordinance by Supervisor Alexander, requiring that the Vehicle Registration Fee Program be reauthorized each year for the subsequent year, and amending Chapter 66 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to promulgate the reauthorization process, by recommending **REJECTION** of the following:

**A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, Section 341.35 of the Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes) authorizes municipalities and counties to implement an annual registration fee on motor vehicles that is in addition to State of Wisconsin (the State) registration fees; the revenues of which are collected by the State and remitted to the local government less administrative fees; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board), as part of the 2017 Adopted Budget, amended the County Executive’s recommendation to implement a new \$60 vehicle registration fee to offset eligible transportation-related activities by reducing the fee (and related expenditures) to \$30; and

WHEREAS, as required by State Statute, the County Board adopted an ordinance to impose the new vehicle registration fee, which is Chapter 66 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances titled “*Vehicle Registration Fee Program*,” and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2017 Adopted Budget, the County Board approved an advisory referendum for the Spring 2017 General Election asking voters:

*“Do you support County Executive Chris Abele’s proposal for a \$60 Vehicle Registration Fee (wheel tax) to provide designated funding for transit and transportation-related projects?”*

; and

WHEREAS, the voters overwhelmingly voted “no” to the referendum question by a margin of 72 percent to 28 percent; and

WHEREAS, based on the strong sentiment expressed by the voters, the current vehicle registration fee of \$30 annually should be reauthorized each year by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of September 20, 2017, referred File No. 17-591 to future budget meetings (vote 7-0); and

45 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit-Budget, at its meeting of  
46 October 12, 2017, recommended **rejection** of File No. 17-591 (vote 7-0); now,  
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
50 hereby supports a policy to require an affirmative vote each year during or prior to the  
51 budget adoption process to reauthorize the collection of the Milwaukee County vehicle  
52 registration fee for the subsequent budget year; and  
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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby amends Chapter 66 of  
55 the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances 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 follows:  
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61 **SECTION 1.** Section 66.08 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is  
62 created to read as follows:  
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64 66.08 – Annual reauthorization.  
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66 By November 15 of each year the county board of supervisors shall reauthorize  
67 the provisions of this chapter for the subsequent year. The reauthorization shall be a  
68 separate resolution limited only to the question of reauthorization. If the county board of  
69 supervisors fails to reauthorize the vehicle registration fee for the subsequent year, the  
70 director of the department of administrative services shall notify the state department of  
71 transportation by November 30 to discontinue the collection of the county vehicle  
72 registration fee as soon as permissible in the subsequent calendar year.  
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74 **SECTION 2.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage and  
75 publication.  
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