

From the Clerk of Circuit Court/Register in Probate, Combined Court Related Operations, requesting a waiver of Section 56.30(9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances in order to pay for services rendered prior to execution of a contract with Metro Milwaukee Mediation Services, Inc., in the amount of \$100,000 for mediation services in foreclosure and eviction cases for the period effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, by recommending adoption of the following:

### **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) has contracted directly with Metro Milwaukee Mediation Services, Inc. (MMMS), for mediation services since 2015; and

WHEREAS, MMMS has historically provided mediation services in foreclosure cases and has recently started providing mediation services in eviction cases, as well; and

WHEREAS, the Professional Services Contract is funded through money allocated to the Clerk of Circuit Court in the annual budget and the 2017 Adopted Budget (File No.16-567) authorized a contract for mediation services in the amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, because of changes in personnel, the lack of a 2017 contract was not discovered until late 2017, and the 2017 contract was not fully signed until January 2018; and

WHEREAS, despite the lack of a signed contract and, therefore, lack of payment of contract funds, MMMS provided mediation services as agreed to in the contract throughout 2017; and

WHEREAS, Section 56.30(9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code) states that "no work shall be performed by any professional services contractor unless and until a written contract has been executed and signed by all appropriate officials"; and

WHEREAS, a waiver of Section 56.30(9) of the Code is required to allow the Office of the Comptroller to pay for the services rendered by MMMS in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of March 15, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-180 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the provision of Section 56.30(9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is waived and the Office of the Comptroller is authorized to pay Metro Milwaukee Mediation Services, Inc., the amount of \$100,000 for services rendered prior to the 2017 Professional Services Contract being signed and executed.

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