MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE: June 12, 2018**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 to #1**

**Resolution File No.**

**Ordinance File No. 18-139**

**COMMITTEE: Economic and Community Development**

**OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR(S): Dimitrijevic**

**ADD AND/OR DELETE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Add the following WHEREAS clauses at or about line 37:**

WHEREAS, additionally, the first and last months of tenancy for tenants receiving rental or housing assistance can be difficult for both landlords and tenants; and

WHEREAS, a revolving fund providing financial assistance to tenants may provide more stability during transitions as well as more certainty to landlords, which may improve access to good, affordable housing for tenants receiving rental or housing assistance; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Milwaukee County budget created the Housing Opportunities and Minimizing Evictions for Stability (HOMES) program, which includes a housing stabilization fund that may be utilized to provide stability and improve outcomes for tenants receiving rental or housing assistance; and

**Add the following BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clauses at or about line 49:**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board authorizes and requests that the Department of Health and Human Services Housing Division study the proposal of a revolving fund that provides financial assistance to tenants receiving rental or housing assistance, focusing on the beginning or end of a rental agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as part of the study of the revolving fund, the Housing Division should work with the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee to explore possible funding sources for the fund, as well as possible partnerships to support the fund; a written report should be provided to the County Board by the September 2018 cycle detailing the findings of the study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board authorizes and requests that the Housing Division target resources in the Housing Opportunities and Minimizing Evictions for Stabilization (HOMES) program’s housing stabilization fund to tenants receiving rental or housing assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to improve and modernize Milwaukee County’s voucher program and to recruit landlords for the program the Housing Division will hold a quarterly education series with the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee for landlords, and additionally will evaluate the following issues:

* Reasonableness of inspection and approval timelines
* Electronic Payments
* Physical documentation for tenants of voucher eligibility
* Housing Division’s response time to inquiries from landlords
* Evaluating fair market rents and voucher portability
* Educating landlords on the process and educational opportunities

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Housing Division shall provide quarterly reports to the County Board on its efforts to improve and modernize Milwaukee County’s voucher program and its efforts to recruit and education landlords; and

**Amend the Ordinance at or about line 82 as follows (amendment change denoted by double strikethrough):**

(9) *“Receipt of rental or housing assistance”* means the receipt of any form of financial

contribution from a third party for the purposes of creating or keeping affordable housing for tenants, purchasers, or other potential housing recipients, including but not limited to, assistance provided pursuant to Title 42, United States Code, section 1437f (commonly known as the “Section 8” housing program), the HOME Partnership Program, the Community Development Block Grant program, or any other public or private rental assistance vouchers or programs.