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A resolution/ordinance by Supervisors Logsdon, Ortiz-Velez, and Martin, amending Chapter 63 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances relating to carrying firearms or other dangerous weapons in county buildings to permit facility rentals for gun shows, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Section 63.016 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code), outlines the rules and regulations for the carrying of firearms and other dangerous weapons in Milwaukee County (the County) buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Code prohibits the carrying of concealed or unconcealed weapons in any part of a building that is owned, occupied, or controlled by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Code does not make exceptions for gun shows, which are events dedicated to the display and legal sale of firearms and firearm-related accessories; and

WHEREAS, the County Sports Complex (the Complex) in Franklin is home to the biannual County gun show; and

WHEREAS, the County gun show is hosted by the Wisconsin-based Take a Kid Hunting Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that benefits youth and disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, advised the event organizers that the gun show could no longer be held at the Complex because it violated Section 63.016 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reported that 564,664 gun deer licenses were sold through the end of the nine-day gun deer season; and

WHEREAS, the DNR classifies the County as part of the Southern Farmland Zone for the purposes of deer harvest recordings, which recorded 36,782 antlered and antlerless deer registrations for the 2019 season, which is the second highest registration total of all four zones; and

WHEREAS, gun shows provide knowledge and opportunities for the community to learn more about sport hunting, which is a popular hobby pursuit in the County and throughout the State; and

46 WHEREAS, the Code should reflect this through the allowance of gun shows in
47 **County buildings at the Complex**; and

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49 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment (PE&E), at its
50 meeting of June 12, 2020, amended File No. 20-196 (vote 5-0) and laid it over to the
51 call of the chairperson (vote 5-0); and

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53 WHEREAS, the Committee on PE&E, at its meeting of October 27, 2020,
54 recommended adoption of File No. 20-196 as amended (vote 4-1); and

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56 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, at its meeting of
57 November 9, 2020, referred File No. 20-196 back to the Committee on PE&E
58 (vote 18-0); and

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60 WHEREAS, the Committee on PE&E, at its meeting of December 8, 2020, laid
61 File No. 20-196 over to the call of the chairperson (vote 4-0); and

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63 WHEREAS, the Committee on PE&E, at its meeting of March 16, 2021,
64 REAFFIRMED its previous recommendation to adopt File No. 20-196 as amended
65 (vote 4-1); now, therefore,

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67 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby amends
68 Section 63.016 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, by adoption of
69 the following:

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71 **AN ORDINANCE**

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73 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as follows:

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75 **SECTION 1.** Section 63.016 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is
76 hereby amended as follows:

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78 63.016. – Carrying firearm or other dangerous weapon in county building.

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80 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person carrying a concealed or unconcealed
81 dangerous weapon as defined in s. 939.22(10), Wis. Stats. to enter or
82 remain in any part of a building that is owned, occupied or controlled by
83 Milwaukee County.

84 (2) To provide notice of the prohibition stated in subsection (1) as required
85 under ss. 943.13(1m)(c)4. and 943.12(2)(bm), Wis. Stats., the director of
86 transportation and public works and any other Milwaukee County
87 administrator having management and control of a building or part of a
88 building that is owned, occupied or controlled by Milwaukee County shall
89 post or cause to be posted signs informing the public that firearms and
90 other dangerous weapons are forbidden in Milwaukee County buildings
91 and that entering or remaining in a Milwaukee County building while

- 92 carrying a concealed weapon is a violation of s. 943.13(1m)(c), Wis. Stats.,
93 and Milwaukee County Ordinances. Such signs shall be at least five (5)
94 inches by seven (7) inches and shall be posted in prominent places near all
95 entrances to all such buildings or parts of buildings in locations where an
96 individual entering the building can be reasonably expected to see the
97 signs.
- 98 (3) This section does not apply to a person who leases residential or business
99 premises in a building owned by Milwaukee County or, if the dangerous
100 weapon is a firearm and the firearm is in a vehicle driven or parked in the
101 parking facility, to any part of the building used as a parking facility.
- 102 (4) This section does not apply to a building or portion of a building as
103 described in s. 175.60(16)(a), Wis. Stats.
- 104 (5) ~~This section does not apply to a building or portion of a building that is~~
105 ~~being the Milwaukee County Sports Complex if~~ rented for the purposes
106 of a gun show, with gun show being defined as an event dedicated to the
107 display and sale of firearms and firearm-related accessories.
- 108 (6) Any person who violates this section shall be liable for a forfeiture in
109 accordance with the schedule of deposits and penalties in section 63.09 of
110 this Code.

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112 **SECTION 2.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and
113 publication.

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