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4 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

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6 amending Chapter 47 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances related to
7 the establishment of trails within the Milwaukee County Parks System, including any
8 changes made to established trails
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11 WHEREAS, the Kegel Alpha Mountain Bike Trail (the “trail”) located in Mangan
12 Woods at Whitnall Park in Franklin is one of five mountain bike trails in the Milwaukee
13 County Parks System; and
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15 WHEREAS, the trail cannot be used when wet or when covered in snow, which
16 often requires frequent rerouting as weather conditions change; and
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18 WHEREAS, instead of frequent rerouting depending on the season and weather,
19 the Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) natural
20 areas team explored a permanent change that could be made to the trail to lessen trail
21 closures and provide clarity to trail users; and
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23 WHEREAS, although the permanent trail rerouting plan includes some
24 intersection with hiking trails, there will be large trail segments that are noticed for
25 “biking only” or “hiking only”; and
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27 WHEREAS, the trail changes will reduce forest fragmentation, provide more
28 intact habitats, and reduce erosion; and
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30 WHEREAS, Mangan Woods is a unique and important natural area within the
31 Milwaukee County Parks System, containing some of the largest old-growth hardwoods
32 in the System; and
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34 WHEREAS, managing the natural area is focused upon maintaining a limited
35 amount of hiking, biking, and dog-walking trails and preserving the natural habitat for
36 existing species; and
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38 WHEREAS, on October 10, 2019, the DPRC held a public information meeting to
39 present the proposed trail changes and receive input from the public on the changes;
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42 WHEREAS, construction on the permanent trail rerouting began in the fall of
43 2020; and

44 WHEREAS, Chapter 47.11 of the Milwaukee County Code of General
45 Ordinances regulates bicycle usage in Milwaukee County Parks and states:

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47 “No person shall ride a bicycle upon the lawns, walks, or foot trails in the
48 parks or parkways except in areas designated for such use by the director
49 of the department of parks, recreation, and culture.”

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53 WHEREAS, DPRC has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Metro
54 Mountain Bikers, the Milwaukee chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling
55 Association, for maintenance, repair, and promotion of five mountain biking trails within
56 Milwaukee County, including the Kegel Alpha Mountain Bike Trail; and

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58 WHEREAS, the Metro Mountain Bikers, in accordance with the MOU, assist
59 DPRC in executing trail improvements, which may include the changes made to the
60 Kegel Alpha Mountain Bike Trail; and

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62 WHEREAS, establishment of new trails and significant changes to existing
63 trails shall be reviewed by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, with
64 significant defined as changes that alter 20 percent or more of the existing trail;
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67 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
68 April 13, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-207 as amended (vote 3-2); now,
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71 BE IT RESOLVED, the establishment of new trails and any substantial changes
72 made to existing trails shall be the purview of the Milwaukee County Board of
73 Supervisors, with significant defined as changes that alter 20 percent or more of
74 the existing trail; and

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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director, Department of Parks,
77 Recreation, and Culture shall present to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
78 ~~any all~~ trail creations ~~or~~ and all significant changes; and

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80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event that it is not clear whether or not
81 a trail constitutes a 20 percent overall change, the Director, Department of Parks,
82 Recreation, and Culture shall consult with the County Board Supervisor of the
83 district where the proposed change is to occur and receive input as to whether or
84 not the change is considered significant; and

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86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any changes to the Kegel Alpha Mountain
87 Bike Trail shall require approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a temporary moratorium shall be placed on the use of any portion of the Kegel Alpha Mountain Bike Trail that was established in September 2020 or later by bikers, but the original trail, established prior to September 2020, can continue to be used for bike and foot traffic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby amends Chapter 47.11 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances by adoption of the following:

AN ORDINANCE

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 47.11 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

47.11. - Regulation of bicycle riders.

Riders of bicycles shall comply with the rules for the regulation of other vehicles, as stated in section 47.10 of the Code, and in addition thereto shall be subject to the following regulations:

- (1) No person shall ride a bicycle upon the lawns, walks or foot trails in the parks or parkways except in areas designated for such use by the director of the department of parks, recreation, and culture and approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors if a new trail is created or if an existing trail is significantly changed, with significant meaning the change alters 20 percent or more of the original trail.
- (2) Riders shall proceed in the extreme right-hand lane of the drives at all times, in single file only.
- (3) Riding crosswise and curving to and fro are strictly prohibited.
- (4) No rider shall take both hands off the handles or ride recklessly in any other manner.
- (5) A bicycle shall not be towed by a rope or otherwise, nor shall any rider hold on to any moving vehicle for the purpose of being drawn along.
- (6) No bicycle shall be pushed upon any park or parkway drive where an adjoining footwalk is available.
- (7) Infants, children or extra passengers shall not be carried on bicycles in any manner whatsoever.
- (8) Children riding small bicycles, wheels less than twenty (20) inches in diameter, may use the footwalks.
- (9) Wherever possible, bicycles shall be parked in places provided for such purpose.

131 **Section 2.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and
132 publication.

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