

# Milwaukee County

## **Legislation Text**

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**2011 Budget Amendment 10A24:** From the Interim Director, Department of Health & Human Services, submitting an informational report regarding the examination of current parking availability at the Coggs Center and options available for utilizing additional parking, including the possibility of using or acquiring nearby public and private lots and retrofitting the entryway on 13<sup>th</sup> Street to be used for clients wanting special access to the Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers.

#### Background

The Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center located at 1220 West Vliet Street houses three floors of Milwaukee County and State of Wisconsin Social Services staff. The building, built in 1924, is 208,494 square feet and was renovated in 2004 for a cost of up to 14 million dollars. Adjacent to the building, the County owns three parking lots containing a total of 476 parking spaces. Included in that total are eleven handicapped spaces in Lot A, plus 36 special use disabled spots plus six handicapped spaces on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The lots have a minimum of 70 vacant spaces for employees and vendors at any given time during the day.

#### **Summary of Plan**

The Operations Bureau of the Department of Health and Human Services is working with Dave Gulgowski of Milwaukee County DTPW - Architecture and Engineering on the acquisition and development of the four vacant lots on 13<sup>th</sup> Street between Vliet and Cherry Streets. The lots are 1301 West Cherry Street (Cityowned), 1304 West Kneeland (Cityowned), 1423 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street (Cityowned) and 1306 West Vliet Street. The lot at 1306 West Vliet Street is privately owned, but the owner has indicated he would be interested in the sale of the parcel for the "right price".

The Operations Bureau has been in discussions with Alderman Willie Hines' office and they have given us their support, but recommended meeting with the neighbors to lay out our proposal. Mr. Gulgowski of DTPW has been in contact with the City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services and they have requested a plan to evaluate the request.

We are moving forward with the plan and design development and will be working up a budget and time line for proposal. The work group of DHHS Operations and DTPW - Architecture and Engineering will be developing a progress report and will return to these Committees with the results.

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### Recommendation

This is an informational report. No action is necessary.

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