City of Milwaukee

Equity Impact Statement

1. Describe the proposed ordinance or resolution. File number: _____

2023 Wisconsin Act 12 creates 62.90(7), Wis. Stats., which requires the identification of all unused City-owned buildings and the preparation of a plan for the sale or use of those buildings.

2. Identify the anticipated equity impacts, if any, of this proposal.

In general, vacant and unused buildings can attract crime, lower property values, create an attractive nuisance and increase insurance premiums if they are not properly maintained, especially in neighborhoods where they are highly concentrated. However, the actual equity impacts of this proposal will depend on a number of factors including:

- *The number of unused buildings*
- *The location of unused buildings*
- *The concentration of unused buildings*
- *The intended use by potential buyers*
- *An evaluation of proposed programming at each building*

3. Identify which minority groups, if any, may be negatively or positively impacted by the proposal.

Although the distribution of equity impacts cannot be determined until the location of all unused City-owned buildings is analyzed, many tax-foreclosed houses are in neighborhoods with large African American and Hispanic populations.

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4. Describe any engagement efforts with minority communities potentially impacted by the proposal.

This is a new, state-mandated effort, not a City-led proposal, therefore there has been no organized engagement of minority communities to date.

5. Describe how any anticipated equity impacts of the proposal will be documented or evaluated.

When an unused building is sold or repurposed, the City can identify the characteristics of the neighborhood in which the building is located. This information could be maintained in a reference database.

6. Describe strategies that will be used, if any, to mitigate any anticipated equity impacts.

Community engagement activities can help determine appropriate sale and reuse strategies. Articulating clear goals will help the City engage the right expertise, evaluate interested parties and define the City's role in working with developers, investors, and the community.

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