City of Milwaukee

Equity Impact Statement

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

2023 Wisconsin Act 12 creates s. 62.90(2), Wis. Stats., which requires a 2/3 majority vote of the Common Council to enact or adopt net new program spending and position authorization.

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

The new law requiring a 2/3 majority vote to adopt a new 2% sales tax under s. 77.701 (1), Wis. Stats., increases the difficulty in making decisions regarding the continuation of essential services for the City's many minority groups.

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

This statute will increase the difficulty in passing needed legislation and dilutes the power of individual Council members, and hence the minority groups they represent.

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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.

The effects of requiring a 2/3 majority vote to adopt new program spending could be evaluated by comparing the number of programs adopted prior to the new requirement, and then after. Furthermore, the number of failed proposals over this same time frame could also be evaluated.

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

Short of finding consensus, there is very little the City can do to mitigate the impact of the new 2/3 majority requirement for new program spending. Council members could arrange town hall meetings in their respective districts to explain the new requirements the Common Council is required to operate under.

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