



Milwaukee County

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Resolution: 13-228

File Number: 13-228

A resolution supporting the City of Milwaukee's Common Council File Number 111222 seeking to repeal the City's cap on issuing new public passenger vehicle permits.

I, Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk in and for the County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of Resolution No. 13-228, ADOPTED by the County Board on April 25, 2013 and SIGNED by the County Executive on May 2, 2013.

Given under my hand and official seal, at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, in the City of Milwaukee.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph J. Czarnezki".

Joseph J. Czarnezki

May 14, 2013

Date Certified

1 Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, reporting on:

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4 File No. 13-228
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6 (ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Weishan and Bowen supporting the City of
7 Milwaukee's Common Council File Number 111222 seeking to repeal the City's cap on
8 issuing new public passenger vehicle permits, by recommending adoption of the following:
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10 **A RESOLUTION**

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12 WHEREAS, in 1991, the City of Milwaukee capped the number of public passenger
13 vehicle permits; and

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15 WHEREAS, there are currently fewer taxicabs in operation in the City than there was
16 over 20 years ago; and

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18 WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukee has been called one of the worst offenders
19 among cities that limit how taxicabs operate within its borders rather than allowing the
20 market to set the number of operators; and

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22 WHEREAS, there is currently a lawsuit pending that states Milwaukee's limit on the
23 number of taxicabs allowed in the City is arbitrary, anti-competitive, and unconstitutional;
24 and

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26 WHEREAS, this lawsuit also asserts that the City's current practice violates due
27 process and equal protection rights under the Wisconsin Constitution because it denies the
28 plaintiff's rights to earn a living of their choice but does not further a legitimate government
29 interest; and

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31 WHEREAS, this lawsuit also asserts that the benefits of the current system are
32 concentrated in a few permit holders, while the costs are diffused among consumers,
33 drivers, and would-be owners; and

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35 WHEREAS, the County has expended millions of dollars on Paratransit taxicab rides,
36 and a lack of a competitive bidding process not only denies taxpayers options in service, it
37 denies them a means to extend their budgets in a tight economy; and

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39 WHEREAS, in addition to proposing that the City of Milwaukee lift the cap on City
40 taxicab permits, this City proposal also calls for enacting more robust inspection and
41 vehicle standards, while allowing the free market to determine the number of taxicabs that
42 will operate in Milwaukee, ensuring the comfort, safety, and cleanliness of taxicabs; now,
43 therefore,
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45 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors does hereby support
46 Common Council File Number 111222 seeking to repeal the City of Milwaukee's cap on
47 issuing new public passenger vehicle permits; and
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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this resolution, the Milwaukee
50 County Clerk is authorized and directed to send copies of this resolution to the Mayor of
51 Milwaukee and the Milwaukee State Delegation.
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