



## LRB - FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

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JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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File #010559 is an ordinance relating to the fee charged for registering a domestic partnership.

### **Background and Discussion**

Pursuant to recently concluded negotiations with District Council 48, the City Labor Negotiator requested an amendment to Chapter 111 of the Milwaukee Code that speaks to the City's Domestic Partnership Registration.

One major change to the 2001-2002 labor agreement between DC 48, AFSCME, AFL-CIO and the City, as adopted via File No. 010338, is the extension of health and dental benefits to domestic partners of City employees effective January 1, 2002. Domestic partners include same sex and heterosexual partners. The amendment, which is contained in another file, File No. 010556, will also extend these benefits to management and nonmanagement city employees.

Under the current ordinance, a \$30 domestic partnership registration fee is payable to the City Clerk.

The proposed ordinance will increase the registration fee for domestic partnership from \$30 to \$90.

The higher fee is based on the current fee charged by Milwaukee County for marriage licenses.

### **Fiscal Impact**

While it is difficult to estimate fiscal impact because the number of individuals registering for domestic partnership recognition will vary from year to year, the proposed ordinance should increase revenues. The additional revenue will be recognized relative to the \$60 or 200% increase in the current \$30 fee per registered partnership.

### **Other Information**

The Milwaukee Code of Ordinances currently provides for registration of same-sex domestic partnerships. The registry, administered by the City Clerk, is citywide, that is, open to all city residents, and includes non-city employees.

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