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## **Steering and Rules Committee approves legislation making Milwaukee a Sensory Inclusive City**

Today (Monday, April 6), the Common Council’s Steering and Rules Committee unanimously approved file #240920 – a resolution relating to the designation of Milwaukee as a Certified Sensory Inclusive City. The ordinance, introduced by **Common Council President José G. Pérez**, authorizes the Department of Employee Relations to enter into an agreement with KultureCity to provide training and to develop and implement a citywide sensory inclusion program.

“The City is dedicated to making Milwaukee an accessible, inclusive community for all. Providing the appropriate tools and resources for those with sensory needs is another step toward making local government, and Milwaukee holistically, more welcoming for everyone, resident, employee, or otherwise,” said President Perez.

KultureCity’s Sensory Inclusive certification process includes staff training by leading medical and neurodivergent professionals on how to recognize individuals with sensory needs and how to respond to sensory overload situations, as well as the provision of sensory bags equipped with noise-canceling headphones, fidget tools, verbal cue cards, and weighted lap pads. The City will take the lead in engaging its employees, with partner Visit Milwaukee playing a prominent role in presenting the KultureCity training model to its various partners and organizations citywide.

The file will be before the full Common Council for adoption at its next meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 9 a.m.

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