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Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr., President
Common Council of the
City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Milwaukee Code of Ordinance § 106-11, Mashing Prohibited

Dear President Hines:

At present, Milwaukee's mashing ordinance, § 106-11, MCO, does not prohibit a person from accosting another person of the same sex, only of opposite sexes. In order for officers to write citations in same-sex incidents, the mashing ordinance should be amended to read as follows:

No person should improperly accost, ogle, insult, follow, pursue, lay hands on or otherwise molest another person, and upon conviction shall forfeit no more than \$500, or upon default of payment thereof, be imprisoned in the house of correction for Milwaukee County for not more than 40 days, or until the fine and costs are paid. In lieu of paying a forfeiture, any person violating this section may be ordered to perform community service work, in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 800.09.

If you wish, Legislative Reference Bureau can prepare an appropriate amendment and that it be introduced into the Common Council for passage.


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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office.

Very truly yours,



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