

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION ANALYSIS

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COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ITEM 9 FILE 060462

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File No. 060462 is an ordinance establishing a special revenue fund for job training and business development providing for entry into the fund of forfeiture payments for certain violations in cruising enforcement areas and for violations of unlawful assemblies involving motor vehicles.

Background

1. Unlawful assemblies are prohibited pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes.
2. Significant resources, including passage of anti-cruising legislation, have been invested in addressing cruising and unlawful assemblies on Milwaukee streets, which generally involve groups of youth.
3. The Municipal Court is responsible for adjudication of such violations and depositing forfeitures collected from those found in violation of municipal ordinances with the City Treasurer as general revenue funds.

Discussion

1. The Common Council passed Ordinance File No. 060075 and Ordinance File No. 051702 on July 12, 2006, to conform Milwaukee Code of Ordinance language more closely to state law relating to unlawful assemblies and to enhance penalties in areas designated for cruising enforcement.
2. This file establishes a special revenue fund to receive deposits collected from the enhanced penalties in designated cruising areas under s. 105-1 and from violations of unlawful assemblies involving motor vehicles to fund a job creation program as an investment into the future welfare and well-being of youth and the prevention of unemployment and crime.

Fiscal Impact

Funding and expenditure authority is contingent upon Common Council adoption of the 2007 City budget based on pending Comptroller's Office estimates.

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