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..Title
Substitute resolution prohibiting the Milwaukee Fire Department and all other City departments from placing placards and other signage on the exterior of any building that relates to the vacancy status of the building and directing the Fire Department to remove existing placards or signage relating to vacancy status.

..Analysis
This resolution directs the Milwaukee Fire Department and all other City departments not to place any placard or other signage on the exterior of any building that relates to the vacancy status of the building. The resolution also directs the Fire Department to remove existing placards or signage relating to vacancy status.

..Body

Whereas, The Milwaukee Fire Department has implemented a policy of placing placards on vacant buildings that indicate the buildings are vacant; and

Whereas, Labeling a building as vacant is likely to increase the incidence of vandalism, stripping the building, squatting, and other illegal behaviors; and

Whereas, A placard indicating a building is vacant may mischaracterize a neighborhood as blighted; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Milwaukee Fire Department, Department of Neighborhood Services, Department of Public Works, and all other departments are prohibited from placing placards and any other signage on the exterior of any building that relates to the vacancy status of the building; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Fire Department is directed to remove all existing placards and signage relating to the vacancy status of any building.

..Requestor

..Drafter
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