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Substitute resolution creating design standards for the Milwaukee River Greenway Site Plan Review Overlay Zone, in the 1st, 3rd and 6th Aldermanic Districts.

This substitute resolution creates design standards that balance the protection of the Primary Environmental Corridor and promotes high-quality, sustainable building development along the upper reaches of the Milwaukee River. Standards for development along said river corridor will complement the natural beauty and promote environmental quality. An objective of these design standards is to ensure that buildings fit within the context in which they are built and to promote consistency with the Northeast Side Area Comprehensive Plan.

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee ("City") has placed a great emphasis on the full utilization and appreciation of the Milwaukee River; and

Whereas, On May 30, 2007, the City approved an Interim Study (IS) Overlay Zone and study plan for the upper reaches of the Milwaukee River; and

Whereas, The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission ("SEWRPC") has designated portions of the Milwaukee River area as a Primary Environmental Corridor ("PEC"); and

Whereas, On September 1, 2009, the City approved the Northeast Side Area Comprehensive Plan recommending protection and preservation of habitat within the PEC along the Milwaukee River; and

Whereas, The City recognizes the Milwaukee River PEC is unique from other PEC's in Milwaukee due to its rich diversity of nature, steep bluffs, proximity to densely developed urban areas and its connection to the Riverwalk; and

Whereas, The City also recognizes the Milwaukee River PEC has a rich and storied history of providing recreation and nature for generations of residents and visitors, which should be preserved for future generations; and

Whereas, The design standards, a copy of which are attached to this Common Council File as Exhibit A, will promote high-quality building and sustainable design to enhance the Milwaukee River PEC, complement its natural beauty, promote environmental quality and promote consistency with the Northeast Side Area Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, The City recognizes the natural beauty, ecological importance and recreational opportunity of the Milwaukee River PEC; and

Whereas, Section 295-1009.2(b) of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances requires the establishment of design standards for such an Overlay Zone; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the design standards, as described in Exhibit A, are established, which will apply to new principal building construction within the Milwaukee River Greenway Site Plan Review Overlay Zone.

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