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A substitute ordinance relating to a sister cities friendly exchange program.

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This ordinance establishes a friendly relations policy and an application process which is similar to the formal sister city relationship policy and application process. In contrast to a sister city relationship, friendly relations shall not require formal signed agreements in accordance with Sister Cities International policy.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 335-3-0 and 1 of the code is amended to read:

335-3. Policy. The following policies shall be followed in selecting and maintaining sister city relationships >>or friendly exchange relationships<<:

1. There should exist a logical area of mutual interest and involvement with the prospective sister city >>or friendly exchange city<< in the areas of culture and business.

Part 2. Section 335-3-3 of the code is amended to read:

3. There should be evidence of strong local community support for the prospective sister city >>or friendly exchange<< relationship in order to assure a strong financial base and interest in exchange.

Part 3. Section 335-3-6 to 335-3-8 of the code is amended to read:

6. Sister city >>and friendly exchange << relationships shall expire after 5 years unless extended for another 5 years by council resolution.

7. The sponsoring entity shall submit annual reports to the committee. An annual report shall be submitted within 30 days following each anniversary of the date on which the mayor signed the resolution establishing a sister city >>or friendly exchange<< relationship.

8. No city funds shall be used for travel expenses by city officials in connection with any sister city >>or friendly exchange<< relationship.

Part 4. Section 335-4 of the code is created to read:

335-4. Friendly Relations. The establishment of friendly relations shall follow the same policy and application process as provided in ss. 335-3 and 335-5. Friendly relations shall not require a formal signed agreement in accordance with Sister Cities International policy.

Part 5. Section 335-5-1 to 335-5-2-b of the code is amended to read:

335-5. Application Process. 1. A local organization that wishes to sponsor a sister city relationship >>or friendly exchange relationship<< shall submit a letter of intent to the committee. The committee shall invite the organization to make a presentation to the committee regarding the proposed sister city relationship or >>or friendly exchange relationship<<. Following the presentation, the committee shall decide whether to invite the organization to submit a formal application to the common council.

2. An application for a sister city relationship >>or friendly exchange relationship<< shall be submitted to the city clerk on a form created by the committee. The application shall require the following information:

a. Name of the organization seeking to establish the sister city relationship >>or friendly exchange relationship<<.

b. Proof of an application for nonprofit status or proof of nonprofit status of the organization seeking to establish a sister city relationship >>or friendly exchange relationship<<.

Part 6. Section 335-5-2-d to f of the code is amended to read:

d. Information about the city with which the relationship is to be established, including information about the local organizational structure in the proposed sister city >>or friendly exchange city<< which will support the relationship.

e. Description of the goals of the sister city relationship or >>friendly exchange relationship<<.

f. Methods the organization will use to meet the goals of the sister city relationship >>or friendly exchange relationship<<.

Part 7. Section 335-5-3 of the code is amended to read:

3. Upon receipt of an application, the city clerk shall submit a resolution to establish a sister city relationship >>or a friendly exchange relationship<< to the common council and refer the application to the committee. The committee shall hold a public hearing on an application to determine whether the proposed sister city relationship >>or a friendly exchange relationship<< complies with the requirements of this chapter and whether the applicant will manage a sister city relationship >>or a friendly exchange relationship<< that has a reasonable prospect of meeting the goals identified in its application. The committee shall forward its recommendation to the common council. Neither the common council nor any standing committee of the council may consider the resolution to establish a sister city relationship >>or a friendly exchange relationship<< until a recommendation has been received from the sister cities committee.

Part 8. Section 335-9 of the code is amended to read:

335-9. Termination. The common council may terminate a sister city <<or friendly exchange<< relationship whenever it finds that the applicant has failed to make sufficient progress toward attaining the goals of the sister city >>or friendly exchange<< relationship or the applicant has failed to comply with standards established by Sister Cities International, the common council or the committee.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE
IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

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