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Substitute resolution directing the Department of Administration-Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of state legislation allowing the collection of neighborhood improvement district special assessments from residential properties containing less than 8 dwelling units.

This resolution directs the Department of Administration-Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of state legislation allowing the collection of neighborhood improvement district special assessments from taxable residential properties containing less than 8 dwelling units. Whereas, Section 66.1110 of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes municipalities to create neighborhood improvement districts, designated areas in which special assessments on taxable properties may be used to pay for development, redevelopment, maintenance, operation or promotion of the district, including clean-up programs, streetscaping enhancements, marketing campaigns and security enhancements; and

Whereas, Any owner of taxable real property within the boundaries of a proposed neighborhood improvement district may petition the municipality for creation of the district; and

Whereas, However, section 66.1110 further provides that neighborhood improvement district special assessments may not be collected from any parcel of real property used exclusively for less than 8 dwelling units; and

Whereas, The exemption of residential properties containing less than 8 dwelling units creates a number of potential inequities in the funding and operation of a neighborhood improvement district, including the fact that a property owner who petitions for creation of a district may not be subject to the special assessments that fund the district's operation and the highly likely scenario in which properties exempt from special assessments benefit from the improvements funded by the district; and

Whereas, The exemption of residential properties containing 7 or fewer dwelling units, which constitute the vast majority of properties and tax base in most neighborhoods in Milwaukee and Wisconsin, severely limits the utility and effectiveness of the neighborhood improvement district legislation in that it drastically reduces the revenue-generating potential of most districts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of Administration-Intergovernmental Relations Division is directed to seek introduction and passage of state legislation allowing the collection of neighborhood improvement district special assessments from taxable residential properties containing less than 8 dwelling units.

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