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Resolution establishing a City of Milwaukee Open Data Policy.

This resolution establishes a City Open Data Policy. Through this policy the City establishes a process whereby City departments will publish, distribute, and archive data that increases transparency in City government and enables community development.

Whereas, Access to public information promotes a higher level of civic engagement and allows citizens to keep government officials accountable regarding local issues; and

Whereas, Every Milwaukee resident has the right to prompt, effective, and efficient service from City government; and

Whereas, The thoughtful implementation of an open data program improves provision of services, increases transparency, and enhances coordination and efficiencies among City departments, partner organizations and citizens; and

Whereas, An Open Data policy proactively provides information currently sought through public records requests, thereby saving the City time and money; and

Whereas, The City is committed to Open Government, and the proactive publishing of data and data containing information, consistent with relevant public records law; and

Whereas, Information technologies, including web-based and other Internet applications and services, are an essential means for Open Government, and good government generally; and

Whereas, By publishing structured standardized data in machine readable formats, the City seeks to enable the community to develop software applications and tools to collect, organize, and share public record data in new and innovative ways; and

Whereas, The protection of privacy, confidentiality and security can be maintained as a paramount priority while also advancing the government's transparency and accountability through open data; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, a City Open Data policy, a copy of which is attached to this file, is adopted as City policy; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Department of Administration, Information and Technology Management Division

(ITMD), is tasked with developing the mechanism and capacity to implement this policy; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the ITMD's implementation of the policy shall be overseen by the City Information Management Committee (CIMC); and, be it

Further Resolved, That the CIMC shall provide annual updates to the Common Council on the implementation of the Open Data policy and use of open data by City departments and others.

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