

## City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

## **Legislation Text**

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Substitute resolution establishing design standards for the Menomonee Valley Riverwalk Site Plan Review Overlay Zone as established by Section 295-1009(2)(b) of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.

This substitute resolution creates specific standards for the Menomonee Valley Riverwalk Site Plan Review Overlay Zone located along the Menomonee River in the Menomonee River Valley.

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

Whereas, The City also prepared numerous plans and studies of the potential of Milwaukee's waterways, including the Riverlink Guidelines and the Menomonee Valley 2.0 Comprehensive Area Plan; and

Whereas, Environmentally sensitive development of the river's edge for this part of the River will constitute a significant improvement of an underutilized resource within the City; and

Whereas, The growing system of riverwalks in the City have become a tremendous asset and amenity for all citizens of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Through the efforts of the City and the Menomonee Valley Partners, a document with Menomonee Valley Riverwalk design standards has been prepared that recognize the unique character of this area; and

Whereas, Section 295-1009(2)(b) of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances requires the establishment of design standards for a Site Plan Review Overlay Zone; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the design standards identified as Exhibit A, a copy of which is attached to this Common Council File, are established and shall apply to all portions of property located in the Menomonee Valley Riverwalk Site Plan Review Overlay Zone as established by Common Council File No. 170043 located on the north and south sides of the Menomonee River generally extending from the eastern end of Three Bridges Park to the western edge of the Riverwalk District at the confluence of the Menomonee and Milwaukee Rivers; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Plan Commission is authorized to grant variances to these design standards, on a case-by-case basis, when development in strict accordance with the design standards would cause a hardship or practical difficulty and there are unusual circumstances or conditions which apply to this property. Any variance granted shall be consistent with the intent of the Menomonee Valley Riverwalk design standards and shall not create substantial detriment to adjacent property nor materially impair its development; and, that all variances for the Menomonee Valley Riverwalk project be brought before the City Plan Commission and the Common Council. DCD:Robert.Harris:rwh

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