



## Legislation Text

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Substitute resolution relating to the issuance of a request for proposals for the Cease Fire program. This resolution authorizes the Health Department Office of Violence Prevention to implement the Cease Fire program and authorizes the Department of Administration - Purchasing Division to issue a request for proposals for the Cease Fire program.

Whereas, The Cure Violence Health Model involves training and paying trusted insiders of a community to anticipate where violence will occur and intervene before it erupts; and

Whereas, The Cure Violence Health Model is currently being implemented in more than 50 sites around the world, and has resulted in 41-73% reductions in shootings and killings in Cure Violence zones; and

Whereas, The Health Department Office of Violence Prevention has developed the Cease Fire program, a violence reduction initiative based on the Cure Violence model; and

Whereas, Through the Cease Fire program, individuals with community credibility will perform street outreach; and

Whereas, Cease Fire program staff will focus on how to de-escalate conflict before the conflict results in violence; and

Whereas, The Cease Fire program supports the first goal of the Office of Violence Prevention Blueprint for Peace, "Stop the shooting. Stop the Violence."; and

Whereas, The 2018 Budget provided \$280,000 to the Health Department to implement the Cease Fire program in one neighborhood; and

Whereas, The City has received a \$100,000 contribution from Bader Philanthropies to help expand the Cease Fire program to a second neighborhood; and

Whereas, The Office of Violence Prevention plans to implement the Cease Fire program in the Old North Milwaukee neighborhood; and

Whereas, Common Council File Number 170642, adopted September 26, 2017, directs the Health Department to seek Common Council approval prior to implementing a Cure Violence initiative, including a description of how the initiative will be implemented, a timeline for implementation, and a description of the proposed relationship between the Cure Violence initiative and the Milwaukee Police Department; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Health Department Office of Violence Prevention is authorized to implement the Cease Fire program; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Department of Administration - Purchasing Division is authorized to issue a request for proposals to implement the Cease Fire program.

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