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SUBSTITUTE 4

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Substitute resolution appropriating \$700 for membership in the Sweatfree Consortium.

This resolution authorizes application by the City of Milwaukee for membership in the Sweatfree Consortium, and directs the proper City officials to apply for the City's membership in this group. The resolution also appropriates \$700 to SweatFree Communities from the City Clerk's Special Purpose Account for City Memberships for the City's 2009 annual dues for membership in the organization.

Whereas, Section 310-17 of the Code of Ordinances states that it is City policy to procure items from responsible vendors and manufacturers who provide a safe, non-discriminatory work environment, and compensate their employees with non-poverty wages; and

Whereas, SweatFree Communities, a 501c3 organization is a U.S. national network of anti-sweatshop organizations that recognize the potential in humane government purchasing for building a system of fair trade and creating positive alternatives to global sweatshops, and has a subcommittee known as the Sweatfree Consortium whose task is to investigate sweatfree violations; and

Whereas, Over 180 concerned cities, counties, local government agencies and school districts have committed to sweatfree procurement; and

Whereas, The Cities of Portland, San Francisco and Berkeley have made grants to develop the Sweatfree Consortium in the range of \$20,000 each; and

Whereas, Members of the consortium will benefit from the coordinated monitoring of vendors, use of a joint database and development of pre-approved vendors; and

Whereas, The steering committee of the consortium consists of the States of Maine, New York and Pennsylvania, and the Cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco; and

Whereas, Membership in the Sweatfree Consortium shall be complementary to the City's efforts in enforcing code provisions provided under s. 310-17 and shall not infringe upon its procurement authority specified in this section; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the proper City officials are directed to apply for the City's membership in the Sweatfree Consortium, and an amount of \$700 shall be appropriated to SweatFree Communities from the City Clerk's Special Purpose Account for City Memberships (0001-1310-S148-006300) for the City's 2009 annual membership dues; and, be it

Further Resolved, That representatives of the SweatFree Communities and Sweatfree Consortium shall first consult with the City Purchasing Director to determine how their efforts will add value to the City's existing procurement policies and procedures and maintain the integrity of the process.

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