

1 2019 RES-507 (AS AMENDED BY PP&J ON 2/11/2020)
2 ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC PROTECTION AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
3 FINES AND FEES SUBCOMMITTEE
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5 In recent years, the County Board has become increasingly concerned with the impact
6 on low income individuals of fines and fees assessed in the civil and criminal justice
7 systems. In the 2019 budget, the County Board eliminated the county charges for
8 families when their child is in the secure juvenile detention facility, and the 2020 budget
9 eliminated the fees for youth placed in post-dispositional home detention.

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11 Rather than continue to address fees and fines one-by-one, the Public Protection and
12 Judiciary Committee has discussed establishing a subcommittee to complete a
13 comprehensive review of fines and fees. The purpose is to review the current fines and
14 fees assessed in the civil, human services, and criminal justice system throughout Dane
15 County and determine how Dane County can reduce or eliminate these fees, fines, and
16 costs. The review would include analysis of the financial hardship and justice hardship
17 placed on low income individuals and their families because of these fees. Finally, the
18 subcommittee would make recommendations on approaches to mitigate the impact of
19 these charges.

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21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee
22 Fines and Fees Subcommittee be established with 13 members:

- 23 --Presiding Dane County Circuit Court Judge or designee
- 24 --The District Attorney or designee
- 25 --The Public Defender or designee
- 26 --The Clerk of Courts or designee
- 27 --The Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion or designee
- 28 --An Alder from the Madison Common Council, appointed by the Common Council
29 President
- 30 --The following members, jointly appointed by the Chair of the County Board and the Chair
31 of the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee:
 - 32 -One county board member who serves on the Public Protection and Judiciary
33 Committee,
 - 34 -One county board members who serves on the Health and Human Needs
35 Committee,
 - 36 -5 Individuals who have been impacted by fines and fees within the human
37 services, civil justice, and/or criminal justice system; or representatives from
38 community organizations that work directly with people impacted by fines and fees
39 within the human services, civil justice, and/or criminal justice system.

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duties of the subcommittee shall be to
42 complete a comprehensive review of the current fines and fees assessed in the civil,
43 human services, and criminal justice system in Dane County and determine how Dane
44 County can reduce or eliminate these fees, fines, and costs. Finally, the subcommittee
45 shall make recommendations on approaches to mitigate the impact of these charges.

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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall make a report of findings and
48 recommendations, to include recommendations for the 2021 county budget, to the Public
49 Protection and Judiciary Committee and the Health and Human Needs Committee before
50 September 15, 2020.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Corporation Counsel shall provide

52 staff support to the subcommittee.

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54 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the resident members appointed to the Public
55 Protection and Judiciary Committee Fines and Fees Subcommittee are eligible to be
56 compensated with per diems and mileage reimbursement at the same rate as is paid to
57 County Board supervisors.

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65 The following amendment was approved by the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee
66 on 2/11/2020. On line 22 change 13 to 14 and on line 40 insert The County Executive or
67 designee.

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