Sub. No. to 2016 OA-084 (PROPOSED-BAYRD)

AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 16.082(7) is created to read as follows:

(7)(a) For purposes of this subsection, the term "confidential information" means any information obtained and maintained by the County relating to an individual's sexual orientation, status as a victim of domestic violence, status as a victim of sexual assault, status as a crime witness, receipt of public assistance, or immigration status,

(b) Except as provided in sub (c), county employees shall consult with the corporation counsel office before disclosing any confidential information, including immigration status of any person, to any outside agency or entity.

(c) The provisions of sub (b) shall not apply to the following:

1. Disclosure by employees of the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, or the Clerk of Courts in the performance of their duties

2. The person to whom the confidential information pertains has authorized the disclosure in writing.

(d) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as altering the county's duty to comply with the Wisconsin Public Records Law.

[EXPLANATION: This amendment requires County employees to consult with Corporation Counsel before disclosing confidential information.]