Sub. No. 2 to 2016 OA-013

AMENDING CHAPTERS 2 & 34 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGULATING UNIFORMS OF PRIVATE POLICE, SECURITY GUARDS AND OTHER SIMILARLY UNIFORMED PERSONS

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 34.10 is created to read as follows:

34.10 REGULATING UNIFORMS OF PRIVATE POLICE, SECURITY GUARDS, AND OTHER SIMILARLY UNIFORMED PERSONS.

(1) The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate and control the uniforms and paraphernalia worn by private police, security guards and other quasi-police personnel under private employment so as to reduce or eliminate the possibility that the public would reasonably construe these private employees to be sworn Dane County Sheriff's deputies. Such purpose is deemed to be for the benefit of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Dane County.

(2) No person, firm, or corporation conducting business in Dane County shall wear or cause its employees or agents to wear the official uniform of a Dane County Sheriff's deputy or any distinctive part of such uniform, or a uniform, any part of which is similar to a distinctive part of such uniform, which would lead a reasonably prudent person to conclude that such person so garbed is a sworn Dane County Sheriff's deputy.

(3) This ordinance is not applicable to the employees or agents of any official governmental body in the regular course of their duties or to theatrical productions.

ARTICLE 3. Section 34.99(4) is amended to read as follows:

(4) Any person who violated s. 34.09(1) or 34.10 shall forfeit not more than $500.00.

ARTICLE 4. Section 2.06(71a) is created to read as follows:

(71a)	34.10	Regulating Uniforms of Private Police Security Guards And Other Similarly Uniformed Persons	$250.00

ARTICLE 5. NON-CODE PROVISION. This ordinance shall take effect 90 days after adoption and publication.

[EXPLANATION: This amendment prohibits private police and security guards from wearing uniforms or parts of uniforms that would create the impression that the person is a Dane County deputy.]