

**DANE COUNTY
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE**

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| _____ Original | _____ Update | Substitute No. _____ |
| Sponsor: _____ | | Resolution No. <u>229</u> |
| Vote Required: _____ | | Ordinance Amendment No. _____ |
| Majority <u>x</u> | Two-Thirds | |

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

DESIGNATING SPACE IN THE DOWNTOWN COUNTY PARKING RAMP FOR PERSONAL STORAGE LOCKERS FOR THE HOMELESS

Policy Analysis Statement:

Brief Description of Proposal -

Since the closure of the temporary day shelter, Dane County has worked with the City of Madison to address unmet needs, including, but not limited to showers and personal storage space. The City of Madison has funded a storage program located at the Social Justice Center at 1202 Williamson St. Space at the Social Justice Center site is limited, however, and over one (1) mile from downtown locations where homeless persons utilize public spaces and access services and shelters. More recently, the City of Madison created a fenced in area outside the Madison Municipal building to store belongings of persons sleeping around the City County Building, but it has since closed due to a number of problems associated with it. Due to the lack of a comprehensive daytime resource center downtown offering personal storage space for homeless persons, additional space is needed to ensure homeless persons have the ability to safely store their personal belongings, including, but not limited to gear for sleeping on the streets. Homeless persons should not have to carry all of their belongings on their backs when they are going to work, applying for jobs, going to a doctor's appointment, or accessing other services. Since disabled persons are over-represented among the homeless population, persons with disabilities are even more burdened by having to carry all their belongings on their person.

Current Policy or Practice -

Budget and professional service contract changes require County Board approval

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

County will designate space and place personal storage lockers (large enough to store sleeping gear and backpacks) in their downtown parking ramp which can be utilized by homeless persons to store their personal belongings. The lockers are to remain in place until such time as a comprehensive day resource center offers equivalent access to personal storage for homeless persons in the downtown area. Necessary costs to purchase and service the lockers will come from borrowing proceeds. The County with request that the City of Madison work with its parking utility to designate space for additional lockers in the City of Madison downtown parking ramps.

Fiscal Estimate:

Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -

- _____ No Fiscal Effect
- _____ Results in Revenue Increase
- _____ Results in Expenditure Increase
- _____ Results in Revenue Decrease
- _____ Results in Expenditure Decrease

Budget Effect (check all that apply)

- _____ No Budget Effect
 - _____ Increases Rev. Budget
 - _____ Increases Exp. Budget
 - _____ Decreases Rev. Budget
 - _____ Decreases Exp. Budget
 - _____ Increases Position Authority
 - _____ Decreases Position Authority
- Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required

Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:

The lockers are to remain in place until such time as a comprehensive day resource center offers equivalent access to personal storage for homeless persons in the downtown area. Necessary costs to purchase and service the lockers will come from borrowing proceeds.

Expenditure/Revenue Changes:

| | Current Year | | Annualized | | | Current Year | | Annualized | |
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| | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease | | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease |
| Expenditures - | | | | | Revenues - | | | | |
| Personal Services | | | \$0 | | County Taxes | | | | |
| Operating Expenses | | | | | Federal | | | | |
| Contractual Services | | | | | State | \$0 | | \$0 | |
| Capital | | | | | Other | | | | |
| Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:

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Prepared By:

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| Agency: _____ | Division: _____ |
| Prepared by: _____ | Date: _____ Phone: _____ |
| Reviewed by: _____ | Date: _____ Phone: _____ |