File No. 17-807

A RESOLUTION

Placing a moratorium on the implementation of a new pay-to-park program along the County-controlled streets and parkways along the Milwaukee County lakefront

WHEREAS, the 2018 Adopted Budget includes a newly created "pay-to-park" program for the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture; and

WHEREAS, a pay-to-park program would charge for parking in designated areas that were previously free of charge throughout the Milwaukee County Parks System, including certain parkways and lots; and

WHEREAS, the newly proposed pay-to-park program would also charge to park along the lakefront at Lincoln Memorial Drive and in the parking lots at Linnwood, Veterans, Bradford Beach, and Northpoint Parks, and additional paid parking at McKinley Marina; and

WHEREAS, other parks that border the Milwaukee County lakefront, but not contained in the proposed pay-to-park program revenues include, Doctors, Big Bay, Lake, Cupertino, South Shore, Bay View, Warnimount, Grant, and Bender Parks; and

WHEREAS, lakefront parking has historically been largely free of charge to all residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, numerous residents and policymakers have expressed concerns that paid parking at the lakefront will be burdensome for visitors, and will disproportionately impact low-income demographics; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County lakefront is considered a crown jewel among the County's public spaces, and should remain accessible to all individuals, regardless of economic status; and

WHEREAS, policymakers have a duty to ensure that public parks and spaces are attractions that all residents can enjoy, and all parks along Milwaukee County's lakefront should provide access to free parking to visitors, especially along public streets and parkways; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes that street parking along the Milwaukee County lakefront, including Lincoln Memorial Drive, Doctors, Big Bay, Lake, Cupertino, South Shore, Bay View, Warnimount, Grant, and Bender Parks, and all County-controlled public streets and parkways adjacent to the parks along the lakefront, shall remain free of charge to all visitors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution establishes a moratorium on all future plans for paid parking along the County-controlled public streets of Milwaukee County's lakefront, and prohibits the installation of infrastructure, technology, or equipment that would be used to collect payment for parking along the lakefront streets, unless otherwise directed by the County Board of Supervisors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this moratorium shall not be lifted without the approval of the County Board of Supervisors.