



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No city appropriation is required with acceptance of the Community Development Division's *Day Jobs Report*. City costs associated with a possible day jobs program will be included in future operating and capital budgets subject to Common Council approval.

Title

Accepting the Community Development Division *Day Jobs Report*

Body

Summary

In January of 2017, the Common Council adopted resolution RES-17-00039 declaring Madison's intent to investigate day jobs as an alternative for panhandlers and those in need and directed Community Development Staff to prepare a related report. The attached *Day Jobs Report* includes describes the findings of national and local research into day jobs programs and their effectiveness. It also identifies local needs associated with a possible day jobs program, national best practices related to such programs, and offers advice with respect to the structure of a day jobs program should the Common Council choose to pursue one.

Body

WHEREAS substitute resolution RES-17-00039 adopted by the Common Council in January of 2017 declared Madison's intent to investigate day jobs as an alternative for panhandlers and those in need; and

WHEREAS the resolution directed Community Development Division staff to investigate Albuquerque, New Mexico's "There's A Better Way Campaign" and similar programs in other cities; and

WHEREAS Community Development Division staff was directed to prepare a comprehensive report and strategic implementation plan for a similar program in the City of Madison to provide day jobs and other supports to panhandlers and those in need; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison previously adopted broad restrictions to panhandling near ATMs, doorways, sidewalk cafes, and intersections, were determined to be unconstitutional and unenforceable; and,

WHEREAS, Community Development staff undertook a comprehensive day jobs-focused research process that included a specific focus on four noteworthy day jobs programs in four different U.S. cities and both local field interviews and facilitated focus group discussions; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Division staff completed the comprehensive *Day Jobs Report*, including key findings and suggestions, as directed by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the *Day Jobs Report* describes the findings of both national and local research into day jobs programs and their effectiveness; and

WHEREAS the *Day Jobs Report* also identifies local needs associated with a possible day jobs program in Madison, national best practices associated with such programs, and offers advice should the Common Council choose to pursue a day jobs program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Common Council accepts the Community Development Division's *Day Jobs Report*.