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**File Name:** Collaborating with Dane County to designate space and place personal storage lockers in downtown parking ramp(s) and/or other identified safe or reasonable locations which can be utilized by homeless persons to store their personal belongings.

**Final Action:**

**Title:** That the City of Madison will collaborate with Dane County to designate space and place personal storage lockers in downtown parking ramp(s) and/or other identified safe or reasonable locations which can be utilized by homeless persons to store their personal belongings.

### Notes:

**Sponsors:** Ledell Zellers, Rebecca Kemble, Michael E. Verveer, Marsha A. Rummel, Larry Palm and David Ahrens

**Effective Date:**

**Attachments:** 1/4/16 City-County Homeless Issues Committee Minutes.pdf

**Enactment Number:**

**Author:** Ald. Ledell Zellers

**Hearing Date:**

**Entered by:** lveldran@cityofmadison.com

**Published Date:**

### History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Council Office	10/14/2015	Referred for Introduction				
	<b>Action Text:</b>	This Resolution was Referred for Introduction					
	<b>Notes:</b>	City-County Homeless Issues Committee, Board of Estimates, Transit and Parking Commission					
1	COMMON COUNCIL	10/20/2015	Refer	CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE		01/04/2016	Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>	A motion was made by DeMarb, seconded by Cheeks, to Refer to the CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.					
	<b>Notes:</b>	Additional referrals to Board of Estimates, Transit and Parking Commission					
1	CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE	10/20/2015	Referred	TRANSIT AND PARKING COMMISSION	11/18/2015	11/18/2015	

**Action Text:** This Resolution was Referred to the TRANSIT AND PARKING COMMISSION due back on 11/18/2015

**Notes:**

1	CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE	10/20/2015	Referred	BOARD OF ESTIMATES	10/26/2015	10/26/2015
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**Action Text:** This Resolution was Referred to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES due back on 10/26/2015

**Notes:**

1	BOARD OF ESTIMATES	10/26/2015	Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval	CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE	01/04/2016	Pass
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**Action Text:** A motion was made by DeMarb, seconded by Cheeks, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

**Notes:**

1	TRANSIT AND PARKING COMMISSION	11/18/2015	Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval	CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE	01/04/2016	Pass
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**Action Text:** District 2 Alder Ledell Zellers, County Supervisor Heidi Wegleitner, and Carl Fleming, a volunteer with Friends of the State Street Family (FOSSF), spoke in support of the proposal.

Zellers discussed some of the issues, including:

- \* Parking ramps were not only places that could be used for storage.
- \* Storage was needed most in the downtown area.
- \* Re: enforcement of trespass ordinance, lockers would be assigned to individuals; and there would be 5-6 lockers/location.
- \* Re: loss of parking space, ramps had lots of nooks and crannies.
- \* Ramps could be scary places. The lockers needed to be in open places; safety was an issue for homeless and parkers both.
- \* Parking employees wouldn't be expected to manage the program. A strong management plan was needed.

Wegleitner discussed the need for storage and ideas for implementation, including:

- \* 24/7 access to belongings was important; overnight shelters didn't have this.
- \* Lockers would provide a safe place for documents, as well as potentially a mailing address.
- \* A County proposal would provide \$25K to buy lockers; the City and County would work together to designate some space.
- \* Small numbers of lockers at scattered sites would work best.
- \* A management plan was needed; FOSSF had offered to help.
- \* The resolution was just the initial step to provide authorization to move ahead; various issues would have to be worked out before implementation.

Fleming described FOSSF and its role, including:

- \* FOSSF was a non-profit, all-volunteer org; with a goal to get people off the street (thru their "Keys to Dignity" program).
- \* Many homeless worked as day laborers, and got done too late to get into night shelters.
- \* A real address provided more credibility, esp. for employment purposes.
- \* Average age of a homeless person was 9 years old.
- \* Lockers would create a site where contact could regularly be made by case managers, which would help establish trust.
- \* Locations would be managed by case managers (non-profit agencies, like FOSSF); who would keep sites clean and safe, and prevent criminal activity or sleeping.
- \* A registration form would be used for initial contact, with a 6-month contract for space.
- \* They were not trying to create another problem, but rather trying to eliminate one.

A motion was made by Bergamini, seconded by Bigelow, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Kovich asked that members be updated as more information became available, since much of this was preliminary.

1	CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE	01/04/2016	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER	Pass
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**Action Text:** This Resolution was RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER

**Notes:** Motion was approved on a 11:2 vote: Ayes - Wegleitner, Pan, Koski, Barbett, Ketcham, Williams, Gloede, Wachowiak, Rummel, Hinkfuss, Ritt; Absent - Atkinson, Palm

1	COMMON COUNCIL	01/19/2016
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## Text of Legislative File 40429

### Fiscal Note

Funds are available within the Miscellaneous Appropriations Day Shelter and Gap Services line item of the 2015 Adopted Operating Budget.

### Title

That the City of Madison will collaborate with Dane County to designate space and place

personal storage lockers in downtown parking ramp(s) and/or other identified safe or reasonable locations which can be utilized by homeless persons to store their personal belongings.

**Body**

WHEREAS, since the March 31, 2013, closure of the temporary day shelter at 827 E. Washington Avenue, which provided homeless persons with access to storage lockers during shelter hours, the City of Madison and Dane County have worked together to address the unmet needs of homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has funded a storage program located at the Social Justice Center at 1202 Williamson Street, but the space there is limited and the location is over one (1) mile from downtown locations where homeless persons utilize public spaces and access services and shelters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison created a fenced-in area outside the Madison Municipal Building to store the belongings of persons sleeping around the City-County Building, but that storage area has since closed due to a number of problems associated with it; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of a comprehensive daytime resource center downtown offering personal storage space for homeless persons' belongings, additional space is needed to ensure that homeless persons have the ability to safely store their personal belongings including, but not limited to, gear for sleeping on the streets; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison will collaborate with Dane County to designate space and place personal storage lockers in downtown parking ramp(s) and/or other identified safe or reasonable locations which can be utilized by homeless persons to store their personal belongings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the storage lockers shall be large enough to store sleeping gear and a backpack.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City shall work with the County and community partners to purchase and manage the lockers, with the City cost not to exceed \$10,000, to be taken from direct appropriations available for Day Shelter and Gap Services.