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Notes: 6921CombineBCCs
MAYOR APPROVAL DATE 3/14/2025

Sponsors: Yannette Figueroa Cole, Satya V. Rhodes-Conway, Tag Evers, John P. Guequierre, Sabrina V. Madison, Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford, Bill Tishler And MGR Govindarajan

Effective Date:

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History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Attorney's Office	02/05/2025	Referred for Introduction				
	Action Text:	This Ordinance was Referred for Introduction					
	Notes:	Common Council Executive Committee (2/25/25), Common Council (3/11/25)					
1	COMMON COUNCIL	02/11/2025	Refer	COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		02/25/2025	Pass
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Conklin, to Refer to the COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.					
1	COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	02/25/2025	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIO NS - REPORT OF OFFICER				Pass

Action Text: A motion was made by Duncan seconded by Martinez-Rutherford, to recommend approval.

A motion was then made by Govindarajan, seconded by Duncan, to amend the original motion to include a provision to delay the dissolution of the Downtown Coordinating Committee until April of 2026.

A motion was then made by Harrington-McKinney to amend the original motion to delay the consolidation of the Community Services Committee, Early Childhood Committee, and Committee on Aging for five months. The motion failed for a lack of second.

The Committee then voted on the motion to include a provision to delay the dissolution of the Downtown Coordinating Committee until April of 2026. That motion passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER recommend to adopt the amended version including the provision to delay the dissolution of the Downtown Coordinating Committee until April of 2026. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Notes: A motion was made by Duncan, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford to recommend to adopt the amended version including the provision to delay the dissolution of the Downtown Coordinating Committee until April of 2026. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

1 COMMON COUNCIL 03/11/2025 Adopt the Following Amendment(s) Fail

Action Text: A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Knox Jr., to Adopt the Following Amendment(s). The motion failed by the following vote:

Notes: A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Knox Jr., to Adopt the Following Amendment(s). The motion failed.

Ayes: 10 Michael E. Verveer; Regina M. Vidaver; Marsha A. Rummel; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Isadore Knox Jr.; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Jael Currie; Sabrina V. Madison; John W. Duncanand Juliana R. Bennett

Noes: 8 Derek Field; MGR Govindarajan; Nikki Conklin; Bill Tishler; Tag Evers;

Excused: 2 Charles Myadze; John P. Guequierreand Barbara Harrington-McKinney Nasra Wehelieand Amani Latimer Burris

Non Voting: 1 Satya V. Rhodes-Conway

1 COMMON COUNCIL 03/11/2025 Adopt Main Motion Pass

Action Text: A motion was made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Duncan, to Adopt Main Motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

There was 1 registrant in opposition.

Notes: A motion was made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Duncan, to Adopt Main Motion. The motion passed.

Ayes: 16 Michael E. Verveer; Regina M. Vidaver; MGR Govindarajan; Nikki Conklin; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Bill Tishler; Tag Evers; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Jael Currie; Sabrina V. Madison; Charles Myadze; John P. Guequierre; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; John W. Duncan; Juliana R. Bennettand Derek Field

Noes: 2 Marsha A. Rummeland Isadore Knox Jr.

Excused: 2 Nasra Wehelieand Amani Latimer Burris

Non Voting: 1 Satya V. Rhodes-Conway

1 COMMON COUNCIL 03/25/2025 Reconsider Pass

Action Text: A motion was made by Wehelie, seconded by Rummel, to Reconsider. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 16 John W. Duncan; Michael E. Verveer; Regina M. Vidaver; Marsha A. Rummel; Nasra Wehelie; MGR Govindarajan; Nikki Conklin; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Amani Latimer Burris; Tag Evers; Isadore Knox Jr.; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Jael Currie; Sabrina V. Madison; Charles Myadzeand John P. Guequierre

Noes: 2 Derek Fieldand Bill Tishler

Excused: 2 Juliana R. Bennettand Barbara Harrington-McKinney

Non Voting: 1 Satya V. Rhodes-Conway

1	COMMON COUNCIL	03/25/2025	Adopt the Following Amendment(s)	Pass
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Verveer, to Adopt the Following Amendment: to remove section 12, the portion of the file that removes the Public Safety Review Committee The motion passed by the following vote:		
		Ayes: 14	Michael E. Verveer; Regina M. Vidaver; Marsha A. Rummel; Nasra Wehelie; Nikki Conklin; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Amani Latimer Burris; Tag Evers; Isadore Knox Jr.; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Jael Currie; Sabrina V. Madison; Charles Myadzeand John W. Duncan	
		Noes: 4	Derek Field; MGR Govindarajan; Bill Tishlerand John P. Guequierre	
		Excused: 2	Juliana R. Bennettand Barbara Harrington-McKinney	
		Non Voting: 1	Satya V. Rhodes-Conway	
1	COMMON COUNCIL	03/25/2025	Adopt Unanimously	Pass
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Duncan, to Adopt Unanimously. The motion passed by voice vote/other with Alder Tishler voting no.		

Text of Legislative File 87044

Fiscal Note

No additional City appropriation required.

Title

SUBSTITUTE: Amending or repealing various sections in Chapters 8, 10 and 33 of the Madison General Ordinances related to reorganization of City Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: The report of the City's Task Force on Government Structure recommended that the City reduce and consolidate its Boards, Commissions and Committees in order to create efficiencies and promote accountability. This ordinance eliminates the Downtown Coordinating Committee, the Community Development Division's Conference Committee, the Public Safety Review Committee, and the Ho-Chunk City of Madison Coordinating Committee. It also consolidates the responsibilities of the Commission on Aging, the Early Childhood Education Committee, and the Community Services Committee into a new Community Resources Committee. It also alters the membership of the Community Development Block Grant Committee.

This ordinance also makes several changes to effectuate the transfer of Urban Forestry services from the Parks Division to the Streets Division in 2020. As a result of that change, the Urban Forestry Section is now primarily responsible for the City's street trees (park trees are maintained by the Parks Division and greenway trees are maintained by the Engineering Division). Under existing ordinances, the City Forester has the authority to issue tree trimming, pruning and removal permits for public trees in the rights-of-way and greenways, and that framework includes a hearing process before the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee of the Board of Parks Commissioners, a subcommittee that meets quarterly. This ordinance would shift that hearing procedure to the Board of Public Works, and also make it clear that the City Forester is no longer subject to oversight from the Board of Park Commissioners, but remains subject to the oversight of the Street Superintendent and the Board of Public Works.

In addition, this ordinance gives the Urban Forestry Section of the Streets Division the clear authority over street trees to ensure that the City continues to meet the Arbor Day Foundation's requirements to be named a Tree City USA community. Finally, this ordinance updates the authority of the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners to reflect this narrowing of its authority from all public trees to park-related trees.

The substitute adds a delayed effective date of April 21, 2026 for the Downtown Coordinating Committee (DCC), as recommended by the Common Council Executive Committee.

Please see Legistar File No. 87044 Body in Attachments.