



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution would authorize the dissolution of the Public Market Development Committee. No City appropriation required.

Title

Authorizing the Dissolution of the Public Market Development Committee (District 12)

Body

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2011, the Common Council approved the creation of the “Madison Local Food Committee” to advise the Mayor and Common Council on initiatives that could help strengthen and support the local food economy (Legislative File # 22780); and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2016, the Common Council approved changing the name of the “Madison Local Food Committee” to the “Public Market Development Committee” and refined the scope of the committee’s work to focus on advancing the establishment of a public market in Madison (Legislative File # 44612); and

WHEREAS, members of the Local Food Committee and then the Public Market Development Committee -- in partnership with City leadership (Mayor and Common Council), EDD staff, and the Madison Public Market Foundation -- have worked diligently for more than 10 years to do the following:

- In 2013, secured \$250,000 in funding authorized by the Common Council and selected Project for Public Spaces to create a business plan for the Madison Public Market, which included three phases: (1) visioning, asset mapping, and outreach to potential vendors and customers, (2) site exploration, and (3) creation of a detailed business plan, as well as a Racial Equity and Social Justice analysis of the project; and
- In 2016, adopted an implementation strategy that provided a framework for future work on the Madison Public Market project; and
- In 2017, launched the MarketReady Program and selected the Northside Planning Council as program operator; and
- In 2018, selected the Madison Public Market Foundation as the operator for the Madison Public Market; and
- Between 2019 and 2023, approved funding from multiple sources, including City TIF funding, Dane County funding, federal ARPA funding, and State of WI Neighborhood Investment Fund Program funding; and

WHEREAS, Legislative File # 44612 creating the Public Market Development Committee states that *“the Public Market Development Committee will be a temporary committee established to implement the Madison Public Market Project and to create a plan and timeline for the transition of operational control of the Public Market from the City to the non-profit operator, at which point the Public Market Development Committee will dissolve”*; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2023 the Madison Common Council authorized and adopted a budget amendment that provided \$1.64 million in funding to pay for the lowest bid received for public works construction of the Madison Public Market; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2023 the Dane County Board of Supervisors authorized and adopted a budget amendment that provided \$1 million in funding to pay for furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) for the Madison Public Market; and

WHEREAS, the public works construction contract for the Madison Public Market has been authorized and fully funded via Legislative File #80106.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council thanks the Public Market Development Committee for its work on the implementation of the Madison Public Market, declares its duties complete, and hereby dissolves the Committee.