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**Title:** Amending Sec. 3.35(5)(b) of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit the use of City property or uniforms for political activity.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/21/2010	1	COMMON COUNCIL	Adopt	Pass
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7/20/2010	1	COMMON COUNCIL	Referred	
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**Fiscal Note**

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

**Title**

Amending Sec. 3.35(5)(b) of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit the use of City property or uniforms for political activity.

**Body**

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This ordinance prohibits the use of City property or uniforms while engaging in political activity.

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The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

Subdivision (b) entitled "Privilege and Advantage" of Subsection (5) entitled "Standards of Conduct" of Section 3.35 entitled "Code of Ethics" of the Madison General Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Privilege and Advantage. No incumbent shall request or permit the use of City-owned vehicles, equipment, materials, or property for personal convenience or profit, or for that of another, except when the same are available to the public generally or except where otherwise authorized by the Common Council. No incumbent shall grant any privilege, anything of value, special consideration, treatment or advantage to any person beyond that which is available to every other person except as may be specifically provided for by law. The use of City equipment and property including City-owned vehicles, cameras, projectors, audio systems, copy machines, fax machines, computers, telephones, software and uniforms is prohibited for both partisan and non-partisan political activity. Use of City property which is available and accessible to the general public is not considered a violation of this ordinance, nor is it a violation for an incumbent to use photographs existing before the first date that nomination papers may be circulated and taken during the regular course of the incumbent's duties."