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Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and County Executive Chris Abele released the following joint statement regarding this weekend's "Occupy Milwaukee" protests:

“City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County agencies are working in close collaboration to prevent disorder, protect the rights of free speech and assembly and ensure the safety of people and property during the ‘Occupy Milwaukee’ protest. To that end, our law enforcement agencies have been charged with maintaining order and facilitating a peaceful protest.

“Recognizing that there is no individual or named group responsible for the protest, the City of Milwaukee will allow the group to march in the street. While Zeidler Park normally closes at 10 p.m., County Executive Abele and Mayor Barrett have full confidence that the Milwaukee Police Department, working in conjunction with the Sheriff's office, will use their best professional judgment based on the circumstances on the ground and make the appropriate law enforcement decisions that will maintain order and preserve public safety.”