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Council to Vote on Clarifying Licensing of Manufactured Home Communities

*Also: Archbishop Jerome ListECKi Scheduled to give Invocation at Start of Tuesday's
Meeting at City Hall*

On Tuesday the Milwaukee Common Council will consider a committee recommendation for approval of an ordinance updating and clarifying city codes pertaining to what were previously called mobile home parks or trailer house communities.

The proposed ordinance – Council file 091396 – has been recommended for approval by the Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee. The ordinance will be taken up by the full **Common Council tomorrow (Tuesday, April 13) at 9 a.m. in the third floor Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome ListECKi is scheduled to give the invocation at the start of Tuesday's meeting, which will also be televised live on City Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable and Channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the city of Milwaukee.

File 091396 clarifies that manufactured home communities are subject to provisions relating to chronic nuisance premises, updates the adoption of state and local codes and details fees associated with these homes and communities. Provisions related to licensing are also clarified and include renewal, non-renewal and revocation, including procedures and causes for non-renewal or revocation.

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Council Meeting Tuesday/ADD ONE

According to city records, Milwaukee has six licensed manufactured home communities – all located in the 13th Aldermanic District. In 2008, 13th District Alderman Terry L. Witkowski took action against the owner of the 132-unit Collegiate Park, 6160 S. 6th St., citing repeated code violations and numerous calls for police service. At that time, three orders had been issued to the park licensee containing 29 violations citing 138 items to be repaired. Most serious was a biohazard condition resulting from two units with unconnected sewer systems that caused a significant area of contamination -- compounded by recurring spring flooding that spread the hazard. The untreated sewage was found under as many as 10 of the community's housing units.

The proposed ordinance would essentially tighten the rules and standards that pertain to manufactured home communities, and would bring the city's nuisance abatement powers to bear on owners who can't or won't remedy health and public safety problems.

The Council will also consider other recommendations from the Licenses Committee, the Judiciary and Legislation Committee, the Community and Economic Development Committee, the Finance and Personnel Committee, Steering and Rules Committee, and the Public Safety and Public Works Committees.