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Common Council approves increased penalties for loitering-soliciting prostitutes

The Common Council today unanimously approved legislation to allow the city to increase the penalty range for loitering-soliciting prostitutes from \$500-\$5,000 to \$2,500-\$5,000.

Common Council **File # 181155**, a resolution sponsored by **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II** hopes to eradicate street prostitution by targeting clients of prostitutes by increasing fines for solicitation to the maximum supported by Wisconsin statutes. All alderpersons signed on as co-sponsors of this legislation at today's meeting to send a message that solicitation will not be tolerated.

"The goal is to eliminate the 'demand' side of prostitution so families are able to live peacefully, and provide a good quality of life without the harm of daily indecent and inappropriate behavior," said Ald. Stamper. "This legislation works to keep our neighborhoods safer; I thank my colleagues for their unanimous support as well as Municipal Judge Derek Mosley, staff in the City Attorney's Office, and the District #3 Milwaukee Police Department staff for their good work."

Ald. Stamper also encourages residents to work with MPD, community-based organizations, and their alderperson to report prostitution and help eliminate it.