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## **Committee to hear file related to possession of marijuana and marijuana-related paraphernalia**

The Public Safety and Health Committee at its next meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 24 will hear file #201609 – a substitute ordinance relating to possession of marijuana and marijuana-related paraphernalia. The file is sponsored by **Alderman Chantia Lewis** and co-sponsored by Alderman Marina Dimitrijevic and Alderman Nikiya Dodd.

“Many cities and states across the country have enacted marijuana reform, and it is long past due for our city to do the same,” said Alderman Lewis. “Countless studies show that racial disparities exist when it comes to marijuana convictions despite usage being equal across racial groups. I believe this legislation can have numerous positive impacts including reallocating our public safety resources to higher areas of need, providing a boost to our economy and serving as an important step forward in the journey to decrease racial disparities.”

The file would amend parts of section 106-36 of the code of ordinances and repeal and recreate section 106-38 of the code of ordinances related to possession of marijuana with the intent to eliminate ticketing for those in possession of less than 28 grams of marijuana. Additional information on the file can be found [here](#).

The Public Safety and Health Committee meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee) and via streaming video on the city website at [city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25](http://city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25).

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