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MEDIA ADVISORY

Ordinance Would Double City Fines For Littering

Supporters Hope Increase Will Draw Litterbugs' Attention; News Conference on Wed.

Some Milwaukee streets and neighborhoods are literally becoming dumping grounds for trash and litter, with melting snows revealing layers of discarded wrappers, fast food bags, bottles, cigarette butts and crumpled pages from old newspapers.

Ald. Terry L. Witkowski says it's time for action to help put a stop to the disgusting handiwork of litterbugs, and that's why he's proposing substantial increases in the city's penalties for littering. "I look at (the increases in littering fines) as a kind of 'pig tax' for those people who want to treat their property, our streets or their neighborhood as their own personal pig sty," said Ald. Witkowski. "It's time for them to pay for their messes, and hopefully it will lead them to clean up their act and it will lead to cleaner streets and neighborhoods in Milwaukee."

Ald. Robert G. Donovan will join Ald. Witkowski during a news conference on the proposed ordinance on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 1 p.m. at the intersection of S. 18th St. and W. Grant St. Media coverage is invited.

The proposed ordinance (see attached) would increase the penalties for littering from a minimum of \$25 to a minimum of \$50 for a first offense and from a minimum of \$50 to a minimum of \$100 for each subsequent offense. The legislation has been referred to the Common Council's Public Safety Committee, chaired by Ald. Donovan, and is scheduled to be heard during the committee's meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 9.

WHAT: News Conference

WHEN: 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 8th

WHERE: S. 18th & W. Grant

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