

Sup. Ortiz-Velez: Details proposal reducing penalty for marijuana possession

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MILWAUKEE – Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez will hold a press conference Tuesday to detail her proposed [legislation](#) that would reduce the fine for marijuana possession, and possession and delivery of drug paraphernalia, within Milwaukee County to no more than \$1.

Supervisor Ortiz-Velez will be joined by County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson, Southeastern Wisconsin NORML Executive Director Eric Marsch and Glendale Mayor Bryan Kennedy at the press conference.

Current Milwaukee County ordinance sets the fine for marijuana possession as not less than \$250 nor more than \$500. In 2019, 187 citations were issued for marijuana possession in Milwaukee County.

The resolution would only apply to [Chapter 24 of Milwaukee County ordinance](#), which is reserved for violations of 25 grams or less of marijuana. Law enforcement would still be able to issue State citations, if needed, for possession of larger amounts.

Face masks will be required, and social distancing measures will be followed at this press conference.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 9 at 12:00 p.m.

WHO: **Sylvia Ortiz-Velez**, County Supervisor for the 12th District; **Marcelia Nicholson**, Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; **Bryan Kennedy**, Mayor of City of Glendale; **Eric Marsch**, Executive Director of Southeastern Wisconsin NORML

WHAT: Press conference to detail resolution reducing marijuana possession fine to no more than \$1

WHERE: Milwaukee County Courthouse (901 N 9th St, Milwaukee, WI 53233) first floor "rotunda" area in the center of the building.