



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez, 12th District

For Planning Purposes: Thursday, March 11 at 1:30 pm

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Judiciary Committee to Hear Proposal Reducing Marijuana Possession Penalty

MILWAUKEE – On Thursday the County Board’s [Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee](#) will hear a [resolution](#) sponsored by Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez that would reduce the fine for marijuana possession, and possession and delivery of drug paraphernalia, within Milwaukee County to no more than \$1.

The public can provide live virtual commentary on this and other items on the committee’s agenda using the County Board’s new [public comment capabilities](#).

Current Milwaukee County ordinance sets the fine for marijuana possession as not less than \$250 nor more than \$500.

The resolution would 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.

Supervisor Ortiz-Velez introduced the resolution at a February 9 [press conference](#) where she was joined by Southeastern Wisconsin NORML Executive Director Eric Marsch, Glendale Mayor Bryan Kennedy and County Supervisor John Weishan, Jr.

Supervisors Ryan Clancy, Steven Shea, Sequanna Taylor, Joseph J. Czarnezki, Willie Johnson Jr., Liz Sumner and Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson are co-sponsors of the resolution.

WHO: Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez; Milwaukee County Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee.

WHAT: Resolution to reduce the fine for marijuana possession within Milwaukee County to no more than \$1.

WHERE: Milwaukee County CLIC Website

<https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

WHEN: 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 11

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