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New body would take on Milwaukee’s illegal dumping epidemic

Common Council legislation to create a new committee to battle the city’s illegal dumping epidemic will be heard by the Public Works Committee on April 30.

Council **file #240031** – an ordinance authored by **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**, chair of the Public Works Committee, and cosponsored by **Alderwoman Andrea M. Pratt**, **Alderwoman Larresa Taylor** and **Alderman Mark Chambers, Jr.** – would create an anti-illegal dumping policy and research committee staffed by the Department of Neighborhood Services. The meeting on April 30 will be held in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

The public will be able to provide input on the new body through online e-comments when the Public Works Committee agenda for the April 30 meeting goes live in about 10 days. If recommended for approval, the legislation would likely go to the full Council on May 13.

The Council members noted the new committee will be responsible for researching, developing and monitoring plans to coordinate citywide anti-illegal dumping efforts specifically designed to reduce illegal dumping.

“We have a worsening illegal dumping problem in Milwaukee that is affecting virtually every part of the city,” the Council members said.

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“It is our hope that the new committee can bring some fresh ideas to stemming the tide of illegal dumping, which has especially brought significant blight to areas of the north and northwest sides where residents are being negatively impacted on a weekly basis,” the members (Alderwoman Coggs, Alderwoman Pratt, Alderwoman Taylor and Alderman Chambers) said.

The Public Works Committee meeting on April 30 will begin at **9:00 a.m.** and will be streamed 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.

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