

RESOLUTION _____

PRINCIPAL SPONSOR: ALDERPERSON DAVE MAU
CO-SPONSORS: ALDERPERSON HOLLY KANGAS
ALDERSON ROCCO J. LAMACCHIA, SR.

**TO PLACE SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE
CITY DISCOURAGING THE SUPPORT OF PANHANDLERS**

WHEREAS, financial support from the public to community groups such as social service agencies and charitable organizations that support persons in need, at large, and particularly those who are homeless, is vital to a civil society; and

WHEREAS, the seeking of alms by individuals, sometimes called panhandling or begging, is a practice that has been protected by application of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, as determined in cases such as *Norton v. City of Springfield, Ill.*, 806 F. 3d 411 (7th Cir., 2015); and

WHEREAS, contributions made to individuals seeking alms decrease the incentive and available money of donors to community groups such as social service agencies and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, it is safer for the persons seeking alms to seek assistance from community groups such as social service agencies and charitable organizations than standing in the elements of the weather seeking alms, or being assaulted by a person misinterpreting the intent of the encounter; and

WHEREAS, it is safer for the public not to have to tolerate being approached by persons unknown to them, not knowing whether the person approaching means to accost them for criminal purposes or merely to ask peacefully for alms; and

WHEREAS, it is safer for the public not to be distracted while operating a vehicle by persons actively trying to seek their attention for the purpose of alms giving; and

WHEREAS, it is safer for the public not to have to consider taking evasive action while operating a vehicle should a person seeking alms enter the roadway; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to encourage donations be made to community groups such as social service agencies and charitable organizations rather than to individuals; and

WHEREAS, alms seeking is frequently occurring at 3813 Roosevelt Road, at the 5600 block of 67th Street near the Towerline Park sign, at the intersection of 60th Street with 22nd Avenue, and at the intersection of 67th Street with Highway 31.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council for the City of Kenosha Wisconsin that the Director of Public Works is directed to post a sign or signs in the City right of way at 3813 Roosevelt Road, at the 5600 block of 67th Street near the Towerline Park, at the intersection of 60th Street with 22nd Avenue, and at the intersection of 67th Street with Highway 31, with the following message:

GIVE SMART

SAY NO TO PANHANDLING

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION BY

CONTRIBUTING TO LOCAL CHARITIES

Adopted this ___ day of July, 2022

ATTEST: _____
MICHELLE NELSON, City Clerk/Treasurer

Date: _____

APPROVED: _____
JOHN M. ANTARAMIAN, Mayor

Date: _____

Drafted by:
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