

**CITY OF WEST ALLIS
RESOLUTION R-2024-0632**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CIVILIANIZATION OF A SUBSTANCE USE
DISORDER COORDINATOR POSITION WITHIN THE WEST ALLIS FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, drug overdoses in the United States remain at historic highs, with fatalities driven significantly by both intentional and unintentional fentanyl use; and

WHEREAS, recent data indicates that Milwaukee County has one of the highest overdose fatality rates among similarly sized jurisdictions across the nation; and

WHEREAS, studies suggest that as many as one in eight Americans have been impacted by an overdose death, underscoring the widespread impact of substance use disorders on families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Allis remains committed to addressing the substance use crisis and supporting prevention and intervention efforts that improve the health and well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the West Allis Fire Department has been supporting drug prevention activities and now seeks to civilianize an existing 8-hour position currently held by a sworn lieutenant to establish a full-time, civilian Substance Use Disorder Coordinator role; and

WHEREAS, this proposed civilianized position will be responsible for overseeing critical drug prevention activities, enhancing public education, and coordinating community resources to reduce overdose risks; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this position will be fully provided by federal grant funds designated specifically for drug prevention activities, ensuring that the position remains budget-neutral and will only be maintained as long as sufficient grant funds are available; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that the Council authorizes the West Allis Fire Department to civilianize the Substance Use Disorder Coordinator position, converting the current 8-hour sworn lieutenant role to a civilian role, contingent upon the continued availability of federal grant funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West Allis Fire Department is directed to proceed with the necessary steps to recruit, hire, and onboard a qualified civilian Substance Use Disorder Coordinator to advance the City's drug prevention and intervention initiatives.

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** "R-2024-0632" of the City Of West Allis Municipal Resolutions is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

R-2024-0632(Added)

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COUNCIL

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ald. Ray Turner	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kimberlee Grob	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Chad Halvorsen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marissa Nowling	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Suzzette Grisham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Danna Kuehn	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Dan Roadt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Patty Novak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kevin Haass	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marty Weigel	_____	_____	_____	_____

Attest

Presiding Officer

Rebecca Grill, City Clerk, City Of
West Allis

Dan Devine, Mayor, City Of West
Allis