



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda Briefing Memorandum
Ordinance 0024-25 – City Identification Card
Program

AGENDA DATE:

According to 2026 Budget Consideration Calendar

PREPARED BY: Scott R. Letteney, City Attorney
REVIEWED BY:

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting an ordinance creating a City Identification Card Program

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

By the terms of the proposed ordinance,

the city recognizes that many residents of the City of Racine do not have adequate access to recognized forms of identification and therefore may have difficulty obtaining services and participating in programs and activities from the city and local business. The city finds that the establishment of a city identification card program will aid the general welfare of the community and will be a positive and productive resource for all city residents to access services, programs and activities in the city.

The proposed ordinance would create a City Identification Card Program whereby City of Racine residents would be able to obtain a City-issued identification card to provide residents “a means to demonstrate residency within the city in order to access city programs, services, and activities, and to provide a means to substantiate a person's identity.” The City identification card would not be a substitute for a state or federal identification card and would not be authorized to provide identification “for voting and purchasing of age-restricted products.”

The City Identification Card Program would be administered by the Department of Customer Service. The proposed ordinance sets forth the process and standards necessary for residents to prove their identity and residence in order to obtain a City identification card.

A fee would be required for the issuance of a City identification card as established by the Common Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve.

FISCAL NOTE & BUDGETARY IMPACT: N/A