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TO: Safety and Licensing Committee, Appleton Common Council

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RE: Truancy Ordinance Expiration Options

This memorandum is responsive to the request made by Ald. Chris Croat, Chairperson of the Safety and Licensing Committee, seeking an outline of available options for addressing the effective period for ACC 10-42, regarding Truancy. The effective period is due to lapse at the end of June 30, 2026.

Option 1 – No Action:

If no action is taken by the Council, ACC 10-42 will cease to be an effective part of the City's code after June 30, 2026.

Option 2 – Repeal the "effective dates" contained in ACC 10-42(f):

If this action is taken, the remainder of ACC 10-42 will remain in effect as originally passed by the Common Council. It will remain an enforceable portion of the City's code until altered or repealed.

Option 3 – Amend the "effective dates" contained in ACC 10-42(f):

The Common Council could elect to amend the effective dates to, in effect, extend the period during which ACC 10-42 would remain effective while still maintaining a sunset date. Rather than making ACC 10-42 a permanent addition to the City's code, this would extend the "trial" period and continue require further Common Council action to maintain the validity the section.

Option 4 – Amend the substance of ACC 10-42 (could be combined with either Option 2 or Option 3):

In addition to addressing whether to allow it to remain effective, the Common Council does have the ability to amend other portions of ACC 10-42 in addition to addressing its effective dates. Any amendments must remain compliant with the associated Wisconsin Statutes.

This means that alterations would primarily be limited to which of the statutory dispositions would be available to the court as listed under ACC 10-42(c).

The other significant option would be a revision of the “purpose” set forth in ACC 10-42(a). ACC 10-42(a) does not present a mechanism of judicial enforcement. Rather, it sets forth some of the expectations and considerations by which the continuation of ACC 10-42 is to be evaluated. This could serve as a mechanism to address any points of confusion or ambiguity regarding what the Common Council and its members want to be available as a means of evaluating whether ACC 10-42 would remain in effect.