



September 26, 2006

To the Honorable,
Judiciary and Legislation Committee
Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall, Room 205

**RE: Progress Report Regarding Recommendations # 1 and # 2
of the Outstanding Debt Task Force**

Dear Committee Members:

Preliminary discussions were held and general consensus was reached with the major billing departments regarding the revenue collection policy for miscellaneous accounts receivable and the implementation of late fees.


However, the main focus in 2006 has been and will continue to be to get the PeopleSoft Accounts Receivable (A/R) Module fully implemented across all City departments, including the Department of Public Works, which issues the most invoices. Once the FMIS A/R Module is up and running, the collection policy can be addressed and implemented during the course of 2007.

Please note that a review of the administrative feasibility of late fees is planned for the fall of 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,



W. MARTIN MORICS
Comptroller



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City Treasurer



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OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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**RE: Progress Report Regarding Recommendation # 5
of the Outstanding Debt Task Force**

Dear Committee Members:

This office now uses an Access database application to facilitate the compilation of inrem foreclosure files. In comparing the databases of the parcels initially included in the 2005 and 2006 inrem foreclosure files, eleven parcels were identified that were included in both filings. A listing of these eleven parcels is attached.

In researching the tax account histories of each of these parcels, it was found that all eleven parcels were subject to an automatic stay last year, as the property owners filed for bankruptcy during the 2005 foreclosure action. Since the bankruptcies had been adjudicated prior to this year's foreclosure filing, all eleven parcels were again pursued and included with the 2006 foreclosure filing. In the 2006-01 foreclosure file, four of the owners re-filed for bankruptcy, which resulted again in an automatic stay on any enforcement action, three of the parcels were redeemed, as is the owner's right, and four parcels had a foreclosure judgment taken with none of the owners making an application to request to vacate the inrem foreclosure judgment as of this date.

I believe this office has an excellent record relative to City property tax collections, as evidenced by the attached chart of tax collection rates. As denoted in the chart, a collection rate of over 99% is achieved by the end of the enforcement cycle for each tax levy. Please note that the 2003 tax levy, delinquent tax parcels were foreclosed upon with the 2006-01 file, the 2004 tax levy, delinquent tax accounts are currently at the collection agent and those remaining unpaid at the end of November will be returned and be the subject of the spring 2007-01 foreclosure file, and the 2005 tax levy, or current levy, is in the midst of in-house collection prior to referral to the collection agent next spring.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Wayne F. Whittow'.

WAYNE F. WHITTOW
City Treasurer

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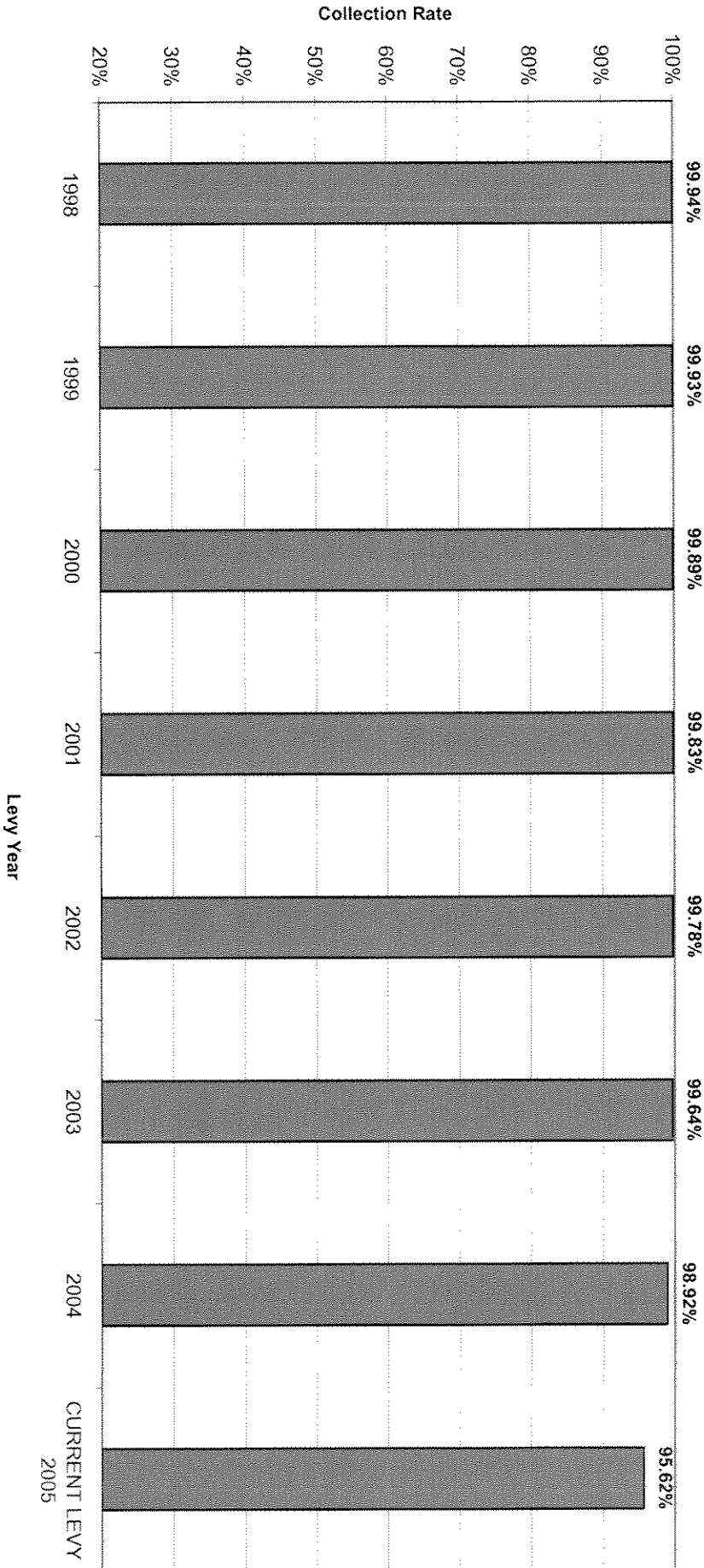
Office of the City Treasurer

Properties included in both the
 2005-01 Foreclosure File
 and the
 2006-01 Foreclosure File

TAXKEY NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER NAME - LINE 1	OWNER NAME - LINE 2	2006-01 STATUS
231-0422-000-2	4751 4751 N 21ST ST	CAROL J KROENING	%FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION CORP	REDEEMED
245-2166-000-3	2344 2344 W OLIVE ST	HAZEL ADKINS		REFILED FOR BANKRUPTCY
281-2640-000-6	521 521 E KEEFE AV	SUKHJITPAL S DHILLON		REFILED FOR BANKRUPTCY
281-2641-000-1	519 519 E KEEFE AV	SUKHJITPAL S DHILLON		REFILED FOR BANKRUPTCY
284-2131-000-0	3437 3437 N 13TH ST	DAVID L NEEDOM		REDEEMED
308-1162-000-5	3516 3516 W CENTER ST	NEW HOPE CHILD DEVELOPMENT INC		JUDGMENT TAKEN
312-1418-000-9	900 902 W CHAMBERS ST	DARCIUS L YOUNG		JUDGMENT TAKEN
313-0513-000-4	2940 2940 N MARTIN L KING JR DR	ROBERT EDWARDS		REFILED FOR BANKRUPTCY
325-1361-000-8	2636 2636 N 25TH ST	LAURA F TRUEBLOOD		REDEEMED
327-1004-000-0	2473 2475 N 38TH ST	DARCIUS L YOUNG	MELISSA M JOHNSON	JUDGMENT TAKEN
348-1102-100-X	2151 2151 N 35TH ST	GARY E WHITLEY		JUDGMENT TAKEN

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City Property Tax Collection Rates as of September 6, 2006



Percentage of City Levy Collected