

Reply to Common Council File No. 031404

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 031404 contains a resolution amending the City's prevailing wage rate schedule for various building and construction trade categories. The file contains a letter from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Workforce Development (DWD), dated January 13, 2004, transmitting wage rate determination reports for several construction trade categories employed in the private sector.

Adoption of this resolution will amend the minimum rates of pay and fringe benefits, per the DWD letter and with Department of Public Works and Employee Relations approval, for various workers employed by the private construction industry, but engaged in public works contracts with the City of Milwaukee. The rates of pay will be incorporated into the City's Prevailing Wages Resolution.

By special order from the State of Wisconsin, the city is exempt from applying for a special wage determination for each construction project as long as the city periodically adopts state-provided wage schedules into its contract wage scale.

**The fiscal impact of this file is unknown. It will depend on the nature of projects undertaken in 2004 and the percentage increase in wages and benefits.**

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT THAT MAINTAINS CITY COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE PREVAILING WAGE LAW.**

  
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