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Harper Donahue, IV
Director, Department of Employee Relations
City Service Commission Executive Secretary
Department of Employee Relations
City Hall, Room 706

RE: Request to Extend Probationary Period – Steve Oglen

Dear Mr. Donahue:

DPW Operations Division respectfully requests to extend the probationary period for Steve Oglen, who was hired as an Urban Forestry Laborer, September 4, 2022 and is subject to a 6-month probationary period scheduled to end on March 4, 2023.

Mr. Oglen's overall performance has met job requirements, but he has not obtained the required Commercial Driver's license. DPW Fleet was not adequately staffed to provide the required 40 hours of entry level driver training (ELDT) classroom instruction within the first six month of employment which is now a Federal requirement. DPW requests his probationary period be extended six months to September 4, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Randy Krouse, Forestry Manager (x8499 rkrous@milwaukee.gov) or Makisha Porter, Operations Human Resources Administrator (x3255 or mmporte@milwaukee.gov).

Sincerely,

Danielle Rodriguez, M.B.A.
Director of Operations

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cc: Dan Thomas, Randy Krouse, Jeff Kluslow