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July 13, 2016

Mr. James Owczarski
Deputy City Clerk
Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall, Room 205
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Communications from the Health Department relative to an amendment to the 2016 Positions Ordinance.

Dear Mr. Owczarski:

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) requests an amendment to the 2016 Positions Ordinance to add a new position of Environmental & Disease Control Specialist in the Disease Control & Environmental Health Services Division. The new position will be an additional resource to the department's protection of the public's health related to the lead service line, aka "lead in water", issue through water sample collection, education and outreach.

As you are aware, the City of Milwaukee has approximately 70,000 homes or buildings with lead service lines. The department is actively providing education and counseling, in person, via phone and mail, to citizens who have questions or concerns related to protecting themselves or their families from lead hazards. In addition to responding to individual inquiries, the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) recently began testing of water for lead concentrations in all homes with a child with elevated blood lead levels. The department will also outreach to the City's day cares and developing testing protocols with the Milwaukee Public Schools and parochial schools.

The MHD currently only has two Environmental & Disease Control Specialists. The increase in responding to inquiries related to lead service lines has dramatically impacted the workload of this section. While the department has responded to all lead service line inquiries promptly, other areas worked on by this section have been impacted. These areas include occupational health; hazardous and toxic materials control; indoor and outdoor air quality; environmental audits and assessments; surface and drinking water quality assurance and vector-borne, water-borne or enteric illnesses. An additional position would allow the department is adequately review and respond to all complaints, concerns and education requests within these areas as quickly as possible.

Therefore, the department respectfully requests that the 2016 Positions Ordinance be amended as follows:

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Caption/Position Title

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - DISEASE CONTROL & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
DIVISION

Position Title:

Environmental & Disease Control Specialist (X)

Pay Range:

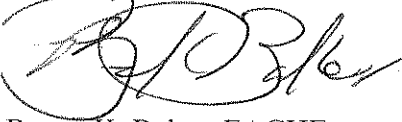
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Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you require additional information or clarification, please contact my office.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner of Health

cc: Sandy Rotar, Health Operations Administrator
Mark Nicolini, City Budget & Management Di