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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 13, 2007

**TO:** Alderman Michael D'Amato, Chair Judiciary & Legislation Committee  
Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Vice-Chair  
Alderman Robert Bauman  
Alderman James Bohl  
Alderman Michael Murphy

**FROM:** Kristine Hinrichs   
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**SUBJECT:** Municipal Court Deposits for Juvenile Offenses

At the meeting on Monday June 11, 2007 Alderman Bohl asked for information as to the basis for lower Municipal Court forfeitures for juvenile offenses. Assistant Court Administrator Clarice Hall Moore indicated that she would consult Presiding Judge Mosley and follow-up with the Committee.

Judge Mosley indicates that judges have discretion in setting the forfeitures for juvenile offenses. However, in imposing judgment, the Judge must by statute, make a determination that the juvenile has the ability to pay the forfeiture within the next twelve months. The forfeiture is set at this lower level in recognition of the fact that juveniles generally are not employed on any regular full-time basis and, therefore, have a more limited ability to pay the forfeiture than do adult defendants.

Should you have any additional questions concerning this matter, Judge Mosley would be happy to respond to them.

cc: Municipal Court Judges  
Clarice Hall Moore, Assistant Court Administrator