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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Alderman Michael Murphy
Members of the Finance & Personnel Committee

FROM: Kristine Hinrichs *KMH*
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SUBJECT: Municipal Court Case Filings

Attached as you requested is a summary of Municipal Court case filings from 2001 to the present. As I indicated in my testimony to you, we have seen a reduction in the number of traffic cases filed – a reduction that is disproportionate to the overall decline in filings. You will note, for example, that in 2005 traffic case filings were down 31% from 2003 levels and that overall filings were down 25% for that same period. On a year to date basis through September, 2006 traffic case filings were down 37% from 2003 September YTD while overall filings were down 30%. You can also see that in 2002, traffic cases represented 73% of the cases filed in Municipal Court and 70% of all cases in 2003. Today they represent 65% of case filings.

Please feel free to call me if you require additional information of if you have any questions concerning this issue.

cc: Municipal Court Judges
Budget Office
Legislative Fiscal Bureau

Municipal Court Case Filings 2001-2006

| | 2001 Total | 2001 % of Total | 2002 Total | 2002 % of Total | 2003 Total | 2003 % of Total | 2004 Total | 2004 % of Total | 2005 Total | 2005 % of Total | % Change 2003 to 2005 |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Traffic | 105,352 | 72% | 123,350 | 73% | 123,148 | 70% | 91,174 | 65% | 85,475 | 65% | -31% |
| OWI | 583 | 0% | 492 | 0% | 477 | 0% | 505 | 0% | 558 | 0% | 17% |
| Adult Municipal | 25,932 | 18% | 28,286 | 17% | 32,168 | 18% | 29,314 | 21% | 28,190 | 21% | -12% |
| Juvenile | 9,958 | 7% | 11,385 | 7% | 12,255 | 7% | 10,532 | 7% | 9,606 | 7% | -22% |
| Parking | 933 | 1% | 1,994 | 1% | 4,950 | 3% | 6,962 | 5% | 5,203 | 4% | 5% |
| Health | 361 | 0% | 253 | 0% | 102 | 0% | 104 | 0% | 72 | 0% | -29% |
| DNS | 3,152 | 2% | 2,312 | 1% | 3,007 | 2% | 2,269 | 2% | 2,606 | 2% | -13% |
| Total | 146,271 | | 168,072 | | 176,107 | | 140,860 | | 131,710 | | -25% |

| | 2003 to Sept Total | 2003 to Sept % of Total | 2006 to Sept Total | 2006 to Sept % of Total | % Change Sept. 2003 to Sept. 2005 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Traffic | 98,092 | 71% | 61,558 | 64% | -37% |
| OWI | 370 | 0% | 375 | 0% | 1% |
| Adult Municipal | 23,978 | 17% | 20,481 | 21% | -15% |
| Juvenile | 9,056 | 7% | 7,375 | 8% | -19% |
| Parking | 3,582 | 3% | 4,616 | 5% | 29% |
| Health | 72 | 0% | 45 | 0% | -38% |
| DNS | 2,540 | 2% | 2,343 | 2% | -8% |
| Total | 137,690 | | 96,793 | | -30% |