



Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

November 28, 2007

To The Honorable
Common Council of the
City of Milwaukee

Dear Council Members:

**VETO OF ITEMS CONTAINED IN COMMON COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE ACTION OF
NOVEMBER 21, 2007**

I am vetoing certain budget lines and items contained in the substitute action that the Common Council approved on November 21, 2007, following its action to sustain my veto of certain lines and items that were contained in Amendment 4 to the 2008 Proposed Executive Budget.

The Council's substitute action, combined with an element of its original amendment which was not affected by my earlier veto, shifts two of the three professional positions (not including the cabinet position of Legislative Liaison Director) that are currently allocated to the Department of Administration (DOA) to the City Clerk.

The Budget law limits the Mayor's veto authority to the Budget lines affected by the Council's substitute action on November 21. Consistent with these limitations, my veto would:

- Eliminate the Administrative Specialist position in DOA and related funding (\$52,341);
- Eliminate the Legislative Fiscal Manager position in the City Clerk and related funding (\$78,447).

The veto, if it is sustained, allows for substitute action on only one line in DOA.

My proposed substitute action, combined with the impact of prior actions on this matter, will provide DOA with four positions in Intergovernmental Relations. This staff will develop and propose legislative initiatives, lobby for the city's legislative position as determined by the Common Council, inform the Council regarding the status of intergovernmental issues, and manage other intergovernmental relations functions. A position of Legislative Coordinator in the City Clerk's Office, transferred from DOA as a result of the Budget amendment, is not affected by this action. The Common Council and the City Clerk will determine how this position is deployed.

In order to effectuate my intent on the one line available in DOA as a result of my veto, the substitute action provides two positions of Legislative Fiscal Manager and funding of \$130,788 in DOA. DOA would underfill one of these two positions at salary grade 2 with the current incumbent in the Administrative Specialist position. The salary amount contained in the proposed substitute action is consistent with the salaries of the current incumbents in the positions of Legislative Fiscal Manager and Administrative Specialist.

The proposed substitute action has no net impact on the operating budget, tax levy, or tax rate.

For the reasons that I have described above, I ask that you support my veto and proposed substitute action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Barrett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a stylized "B".

Tom Barrett
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, COMMON COUNCIL-CITY CLERK, MAYOR'S OFFICE
AMENDMENT #4

A. DISAPPROVAL ACTION

The Mayor disapproves of the following lines and items in the 2008 budget which were affected by the Common Council's substitute action taken on November 21, 2007:

<u>BMD-2</u> <u>Page and</u> <u>Line No.</u>	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>2008 Positions</u> <u>or Units</u>	<u>2008 Amount</u>
	SECTION I.A.1. BUDGETS FOR GENERAL CITY PURPOSES		
	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION- INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS DIVISION		
110.15-10	Administrative Specialist	1	\$52,341
	COMMON COUNCIL-CITY CLERK		
	SALARIES & WAGES		
150.1-8	Immediately following the line: "Deputy City Clerk (Y)"		
	Delete the following position and amounts: "Legislative Fiscal Manager (Y)"	1	\$78,447

In lieu of the above disapproved item I recommend adoption of the following substitute action:

B. SUBSTITUTE ACTION

<u>BMD-2</u> <u>Page and</u> <u>Line No.</u>	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>2008 Positions</u> <u>or Units</u>	<u>2008 Amount</u>
	SECTION I.A.1. BUDGETS FOR GENERAL CITY PURPOSES		
	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION- INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS DIVISION		
	SALARIES & WAGES		
110.15-10	Legislative Fiscal Manager (Y)	2	\$130,788

C. COMBINED EFFECT OF ACTIONS A & B ABOVE:

- 1. Budget Effect = \$0
- 2. Levy Effect = \$0
- 3. Rate Effect = \$0.00