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Common Council file 001713 contains a communication from the Fire and Police Commission transmitting a report relative to enforcement of "Quality of Life" ordinances for the year 2000.

The report titled "Relating to the Enforcement of "Quality of Life" Ordinances For the Year 2000" and its data compiled by the Fire and Police Commission. The data is compiled each quarter by District or assignment of citing officer. Citations issued by non-District personnel are not counted in the District where they were issued. *The Commission's ability to further analyze the data or draw conclusions is limited until they utilize the results of the 2000 Census and the Police Department's new computer system, which will be able to sort citations by geographic location becomes operational. These systems and data will also assist the Commission in the further analysis of possible racial profiling.*

The total number of citations issued each quarter as "Quality of Life Citations" has decreased 50%, from 28,418 in the first reporting period (ending December 1999) to 14,079 in the fifth reporting period (ending December 2000).


HIGH VOLUME QUALITY OF LIFE CITATIONS

Citation Type	4 th Quarter of 1999	4 th Quarter of 2000	Percentage Change
Speeding	6,295	2,753	-56%
Operator License	7,122	1,016	-86%
Vehicle License	6,169	3,602	-42%

The report has no explanation for the decrease in traffic citations, which has occurred in all Police Districts, as well as in the Special Operations unit, which includes motorcycle traffic officers. In total, traffic citations decreased 60%, from 21,747 in the fourth quarter of 1999, to 8,624 in the fourth quarter of 2000. During this same period and accounting for all Quality of Life citations, traffic citations compromise a smaller percentage of the total, declining from 76% to 61%.

The financial impact to the City of Milwaukee from the reduction in the number of citations being issued by the Police Department is estimated at \$1,043,992 for the year 2000.

RECOMMENDATION: PLACE ON FILE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 001713, WHICH CONTAINS A COMMUNICATION FROM THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION TRANSMITTING A REPORT RELATIVE TO ENFORCEMENT OF "QUALITY OF LIFE" ORDINANCES FOR THE YEAR 2000.



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