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OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 25, 2010

To the Honorable,
Special Joint Committee on the
Redevelopment of Abandoned
and Foreclosed Homes
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 205

Dear Committee Members:

At your meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, you directed this office to prepare a budget to pursue four additional inrem foreclosure files this year, one each in the months of August, September, October, and November. It was agreed that no inrem foreclosure files would be pursued during the current tax collection period, December to February.

Please find attached a schedule of the additional resources required by this office in fiscal 2010 to fulfill its obligations pursuant to File Number 091517 adopted by the Common Council on April 13, 2010 and signed by the mayor on April 22, 2010. As stated at your last meeting, due to the large size of the 2010-1 inrem foreclosure file, this office has already exceeded its budget for foreclosure expenses. Without the additional resources requested being made available to this office prior to the Common Council's August recess, this office would not be able pursue the additional inrem foreclosure files in 2010.

Also, note that my 2011 budget request will need to be increased as well to reflect that nine inrem foreclosure files will be pursued in 2011 and not the three I originally proposed.

I trust that your committee will pursue the requisite Council legislation to provide the additional resources this office requires to pursue the additional four inrem foreclosure files in 2010 and will also support my amended 2011 departmental budget request.

Sincerely,

WAYNE F. WHITTOW
City Treasurer

c: Mayor Tom Barrett

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**Additional Resources Required for
Accelerated Inrem Foreclosure in Fiscal 2010**

Personnel

Restore one position of Tax Enforcement Specialist, Pay Range 540 One person for ten pay periods at \$1,851.27 Bi-weekly	\$18,515
Restore funding for two positions of Customer Service Representative II (0.53 FTE), Pay Range 435 Two persons for ten pay periods at \$680.05 Bi-weekly	\$13,600
Fund 640 hours of additional temporary help Temporary Customer Service Representative I, Pay Range 425 Two persons at forty hours per week for two weeks a month for four months - 640 hours at \$16.28 per hour	\$10,420
TOTAL WAGES	\$42,535
Fringe Benefits	\$17,440
TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS	\$59,975

Operating Expenditures

General Office Expense

Additional paper	\$35
Additional pre-printed forms	\$85
TOTAL GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSE	\$120

Other Operating Supplies

Additional printer toner cartridges	\$370
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$370

Professional Services

Additional Court Filing Fees	\$660
Additional Inrem Guardian Ad-Litem Fees	\$2,000
Additional Birth Certificates	\$240
Additional Death Certificates	\$240
Additional Probate Fees	\$240
Additional Inrem Special Administrator Fees	\$2,000
Additional Lift of Stay Filing Fees	\$900
Additional PACER Services	\$25
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$6,305

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Accelerated Inrem Foreclosure in Fiscal 2010**

Other Operating Services

Additional official notices publishing fees	\$4,200
Additional title search services	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING SERVICES	\$9,200

Reimburse Other Departments

Duplicating Services	\$90
Postage	\$3,455
Mailing Services	<u>\$1,140</u>
TOTAL REIMBURSE OTHER DEPARTMENTS	\$4,685

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$20,680
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Equipment

Additional Equipment

Two, locking, five drawer, legal size file cabinets	<u>\$1,000</u>
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TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$1,000
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TOTAL COST OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:	\$81,655
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Nine inrem foreclosure files would be pursued annually, one each in the months of March to November. No inrem foreclosure files would be pursued during the current tax collection period.

For 2010, four additional inrem foreclosure files would be pursued, one each in the months of August to November. The additional resources delineated above enable the City Treasurer to pursue the four additional inrem foreclosure files in 2010.