

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION ANALYSIS

**NOVEMBER 6, 2006 AGENDA
JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 6, FILE 060869
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File #060869 is a resolution authorizing the cancellation of seven Milwaukee Fire Department invoices in the total amount of \$588,745.05 relative to services provided between 1990 and 1999.

Background and Discussion

1. The Fire Department invoices various municipalities, businesses, and individuals for services rendered but sometimes do not collect all outstanding balances.
2. File No. 060869 authorizes the cancellation of 7 invoices totaling \$588,745.05. Most have exceeded the statute of limitations, making further litigation unlikely
3. Adopting this resolution allows for writing off the following outstanding receivables:

Write-off Amount	Claim ID	Date	Claimant
Statute of limitations expired			
(a)	\$ 34,133.00	32926	02/05/1991 Glendale Fire Department (Glendale, WI)
(b)	\$ 25,333.00	32928	02/27/1991 Wauwatosa Fire Department (Wauwatosa, WI)
(c)	\$181,721.18	42470	07/18/1996 Milwaukee County Paramedic Program (Milwaukee, WI)
(d)	\$ 23,443.37	44379	03/10/1997 American Recovery (Milwaukee, WI)
(e)	\$222,535.04	44399	09/02/1997 American Recovery (Milwaukee, WI)
(f)	\$ 96,333.00	45240	12/31/1997 Barnes, Linda M. & Edward (Milwaukee, WI)
Claim efforts have been exhausted			
(g)	\$ 5,246.46	48515	04/06/2000 Hernandez, Juan & Amelia (Milwaukee, WI)
\$588,745.05		TOTAL WRITTEN OFF	

- (a) (b) Invoice Nos. 32926 and 32928 were billed under prior municipal service reciprocal agreements that have since been voided by the statewide implementation of the Mutual Aided Box Alarm System (MABAS), and are longer deemed collectable. The Common Council adopted Resolution File No. 060490 in September 2006, authorizing the Fire Department to participate in the MABAS system.
- (c) The Fire Department reclassified Paramedics in 1996; Milwaukee County will not reimburse these costs since they were not included in the 1993-1995 contract.
- (d) (e) March 10, 1997 fire response to 9168 N 124th Street.
- (f) Related to motor vehicle accident on 1/29/1997; \$96,333 in fire apparatus repair costs was billed to Linda and Edward Barnes. The court found the City 100% liable in this accident requiring voiding Invoice No. 45240.
- (g) Related to motor vehicle accident on 7/28/1999; all efforts have been exhausted to collect \$5,246.46 in fire apparatus repair costs billed to Juan and Amelia Hernandez.

Fiscal Impact

Adopting File 060869 allows the Comptroller to write off \$588,645.05 in uncollectible accounts for Fire Department services rendered.

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