



**CITY OF MILWAUKEE
MUNICIPAL COURT**

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Alderman Michael Murphy
Chair, Finance & Personnel Committee
City Hall

Dear Alderman Murphy:

I am responding to the question that came up at this morning's Finance & Personnel Committee hearing, during the dialogue on Municipal Court's budget request for 2014.

I believe this answers the question related to the collection efforts of Harris & Harris, on behalf of Municipal Court.

In 2012, Harris & Harris collected a total of \$3,906,146 before fees. After all fees were paid to Harris & Harris, the net to the City was \$3,822,738.

As you may know, the fee rate varies with the method of collection. For instance, it costs the City more to pursue collection through litigation than it does to collect via TRIP. With that knowledge, and based on current collections, our best projection for 2013 collections is a total of \$4,500,000 before fees and a net to the City of about \$3,900,000, after fees are paid.

If I misunderstood the question, or if there are other questions I might answer for you or other members of the Committee, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Sheldyn M. Himle

cc: Presiding Judge Chavez
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