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The Honorable, Common Council
of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Extension of Contract with Harris & Harris for
Collection of Municipal Court Judgments

Dear Council Members:

We ask that the attached resolution be introduced into the Common Council.

The existing contract for the collection of Municipal Court judgments expires on April 30, 2012. This office is working with the Municipal Court on a Request for Proposals to procure a new five-year contract.

The Municipal Court has requested that the current contract be extended for two months so that the term of the new contract, as well as future contracts, will commence on July 1, 2012.

Experience with the Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP) has demonstrated that an April 30 date to transition to a new collection contractor is not ideal. There are many TRIP-related issues that exist after the April 15th tax-filing deadline and continue into May. A shift in the term of this particular contract to a July 1 start date would provide sufficient time for the experienced incumbent contractor to handle collections during the tax season, and then allow enough time for a smooth transition to a new contractor, if necessary.

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Attached is a resolution authorizing the extension of the current contract with Harris & Harris to June 30, 2012.

Very truly yours,

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