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The Honorable Common Council
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Honorable Common Council:

Attached to this correspondence is a proposed charter ordinance relating to the City's emergency management and homeland security provisions.

This charter ordinance updates the City's emergency management and homeland security provisions, consistent with recent changes in state law, as provided in ch. 323, Wis. Stats. This update is the result of a thorough review by my office, the City Attorney's Office, the City Clerk and the Legislative Reference Bureau. The charter ordinance modifies various definitions and terms to mirror the terminology used in the state statutes. The ordinance also makes non-substantive changes to modernize language. In addition, the ordinance clarifies provisions with respect to the filling of certain vacancies during a period of emergency, as provided in state law.

These revisions will help make the City's emergency management and homeland security provisions consistent with state law and provide legal direction and authority in managing emergencies.

I would be glad to meet with any Council member who may desire to discuss these revisions further. My direct phone is 286-5062 if you wish to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Fronk, Director
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