

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution congratulating Jeff Osterman on his retirement from the Common Council – City Clerk’s Office.

WHEREAS,

JEFF OSTERMAN

retired as Legislative Research Supervisor on January 16, 2026 after more than 33 years of dedicated service to the Common Council - City Clerk’s Office and the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Osterman joined the city service on November 9, 1992 as a Legislative Research Analyst – Senior with the Legislative Reference Bureau, and during his tenure in the LRB was promoted to Legislative Fiscal Analyst – Lead (May 2004), and to Legislative Research Supervisor (December 2014); and

WHEREAS, During his career, Jeff Osterman worked under City Clerk Ronald D. Leonhardt and City Clerk Jim Owczarski, and during the terms of Mayor John O. Norquist, Acting Mayor Marvin Pratt, Mayor Tom Barrett, and Mayor Cavalier Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Jeff single-handedly rewrote each of the numerous ordinances that make-up the City’s Zoning Code (for a time serving as chair of the city’s Zoning Code Technical Committee), was masterful at transforming complex geographic data into actionable insights and maps, and played a critical role in Milwaukee’s 2020 aldermanic redistricting; and

WHEREAS, In the LRB, Jeff was a great supervisor, teacher and confidant to his staff, all of whom respected him deeply -- notwithstanding the many appearances of his red pen when editing their work product; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Osterman’s expert-level knowledge of Milwaukee’s history, neighborhoods, architecture, transportation systems, and culture have made him a city staff All-Star and a City of Milwaukee treasure; and

WHEREAS, All who worked with Jeff speak of his professionalism, patience, and unparalleled work ethic — not to mention his encyclopedic knowledge of the City of Milwaukee’s street grid; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Jeff Osterman on his retirement from the Common Council - City Clerk’s Office, and wishes for him a future of health and happiness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to Jeff Osterman, an outstanding employee.

Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 20, 2026: José G. Pérez, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Alex Brower, Robert J. Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, DiAndre Jackson, JoCasta Zamarripa, Larresa Taylor, Sharlen P. Moore, Peter Burgelis, Scott Spiker, Marina Dimitrijevic, and Russell W. Stamper, II.