

March 8, 2006

The Honorable Common Council
City Hall Room 200
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DER TO APPLY TO STATE FOR SELF-INSURANCE
STATUS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please introduce a file at the next Common Council Meeting for referral to the Finance and Personnel Committee to authorize and direct the Department of Employee Relations to submit the necessary application documents for self-insurance status for Workers' Compensation Benefits to the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

Every three years each self-insured political subdivision must provide a resolution passed by the governing body that states its intent and agreement to self-insure. The City is required to complete and return the paperwork to the State by April 28, 2006. The Department of Employee Relations recommends this be done. A draft resolution for this purpose is attached.

Sincerely,

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Employee Benefits

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[Draft Resolution]

FILE NO:

Resolution authorizing and directing the Department of Employee Relations to submit the necessary application documents for self-insurance status for Workers' Compensation Benefits to the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

Whereas, For purposes of providing Workers' Compensation benefits, the City of Milwaukee has chosen to be self-insured, rather than to purchase Workers' Compensation Insurance, and

Whereas, The State of Wisconsin requires employers that have self-insurance status for their Workers' Compensation Programs to apply for this status every three years; and

Whereas, Approval of continued self-insurance status is contingent upon timely submission of the necessary documents to the Department of Workforce Development; and

Whereas, Pursuant to s.340-1 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the Department of Employee Relations Employee Benefits Division, has the authority to administer the City of Milwaukee's Workers' Compensation Program and is responsible for preparing the necessary documents for self-insurance; and

Whereas the Department of Employee Relations, Employee Benefits Division has prepared the application documents required for renewal of the City's self-insurance status, said documents being attached to and made a part of this resolution; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee that the Department of Employee Relations is authorized and directed to submit the application documents required for renewal to the City's self-insurance status for Workers' Compensation Benefits to the State of Wisconsin no later than April 28, 2006.