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Fire Department

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Alderman Fredrick Gordon  
Chair, Finance and Personnel Committee  
200 East Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: *Correction to the 2004 Positions Ordinance*

Dear Alderman Gordon:

In reviewing the Fire Department's 2004 Positions Ordinance, it has come to my attention that an amendment is needed to reflect current department operations. At the present time, the MFD operates nine Paramedic (MED) units and will initiate a tenth unit in June 2004. Staffing of these MED units requires one fire lieutenant and one fire paramedic per shift. In order to staff these 10 units for all three shifts, the department will require 30 fire lieutenant positions, for a Firefighting Division total of 157 (fire lieutenant and [fire] paramedic field lieutenant positions). The 2004 Positions Ordinance contains position authority for only 151 fire lieutenant positions in the Firefighting Division, six short of the number required.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the 2004 Positions Ordinance be amended to create six fire lieutenant positions and eliminate six fire fighter positions. This change will reflect the true staffing needs of the department in its delivery of both fire suppression and emergency medical services. The salary difference between these positions, approximately \$63,000 in 2004, will be addressed through a reduction in special duty (overtime) hiring.

In order to bring the ordinance up to date, the following changes should be made to the 2004 Positions Ordinance (effective March 28, 2004):

| <u>Caption/Position Title</u>                          | <u>Add</u> | <u>Delete</u> |
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| FIRE DEPARTMENT<br>FIREFIGHTING DIVISION DECISION UNIT |            |               |
| Fire Lieutenant  | 6          |               |
| Firefighter (B)  |            | 6             |

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at extension 8947.

Sincerely,



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Budget\Positions Ordinance Change 0204

cc: Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee  
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