

CITY OF MILWAUKEE FISCAL NOTE

A) DATE 9/9/04

FILE NUMBER: 040610

Original Fiscal Note Substitute

SUBJECT: a substitute ordinance establishing a fee for appeals to the administrative review appeals board.

B) SUBMITTED BY (Name/title/dept./ext.): Jim Duczarski, CRM, CC-CC, X2998

C) CHECK ONE: ADOPTION OF THIS FILE AUTHORIZES EXPENDITURES
 ADOPTION OF THIS FILE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES: FURTHER COMMON COUNCIL ACTION NEEDED. LIST ANTICIPATED COSTS IN SECTION G BELOW.
 NOT APPLICABLE/NO FISCAL IMPACT.

D) CHARGE TO: DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT (DA) CONTINGENT FUND (CF)
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (CPF) SPECIAL PURPOSE ACCOUNTS (SPA)
 PERM. IMPROVEMENT FUNDS (PIF) GRANT & AID ACCOUNTS (G & AA)
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

E) PURPOSE	SPECIFY TYPE/USE	ACCOUNT	EXPENDITURE	REVENUE	SAVINGS
SALARIES/WAGES:					
SUPPLIES:					
MATERIALS:					
NEW EQUIPMENT:					
EQUIPMENT REPAIR:					
OTHER:				*	
TOTALS					

F) FOR EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES WHICH WILL OCCUR ON AN ANNUAL BASIS OVER SEVERAL YEARS CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW AND THEN LIST EACH ITEM AND DOLLAR AMOUNT SEPARATELY.

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G) LIST ANY ANTICIPATED FUTURE COSTS THIS PROJECT WILL REQUIRE FOR COMPLETION:

H) COMPUTATIONS USED IN ARRIVING AT FISCAL ESTIMATE:
* Please see attached letter to ald. DiMatteo

PLEASE LIST ANY COMMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE AND CHECK HERE



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September 10, 2004

Ald. Michael D'Amato, Chair
Judiciary and Legislation Committee

Dear Ald. A'Amato:

This letter is intended to expand on the fiscal note I have submitted for Common Council File Number 040610, a substitute ordinance establishing a fee for appeals to the Administrative Review Appeals Board (ARAB).

As you are aware, this ordinance would require a \$50 fee before any appeal could be filed with the Board. I do not anticipate that the collection of this fee will result in any additional cost to the Council Services Division. Estimating the revenue that will result from this fee, however, is a more difficult matter. In the last Quarter of 2003, the ARAB scheduled 103 matters for a hearing. Similarly, in three months this year (May, June and July), the Board scheduled 113 matters. Given the foregoing and its current pace of 30 matters per agenda and approximately 10 meetings per year, the Board can reasonably be anticipated to hear between 300 and 400 appeals annually. Choosing 350 then as a starting figure, the calculation appears simple, viz.:

350 appeals X \$50 = \$17,500 annually

The problem is that staff expects this policy to result in a decrease, perhaps a significant decrease, in the number of appeals filed. How great this decrease will be is impossible to determine with certainty, but two scenarios may be offered. The first assumes a 50-percent reduction in filings:

175 appeals X \$50 = \$8,750 annually

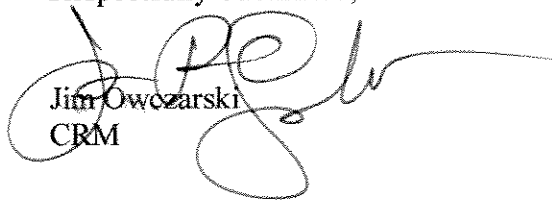
The second scenario assumes a 75-percent reduction in filings:

88 appeals X \$50 = \$4,400 annually

Please bear in mind that, even at \$50, this fee recovers only half of the estimated cost of processing these appeals as determined by the LRB – Fiscal Review Section.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. I am at extension x2998.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jim Owczarski
CRM