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Common Council City Clerk
Alderman Nik Kovac
Chair – Finance & Personnel

Re: File #130784 A Charter Ordinance Relating to Budget Estimates and Development

Dear Alderman Kovac:

On February 5, 2014, file #130784 was scheduled with the Finance & Personnel Committee. Under the proposed changes to sections 18-03 and 18-04 of the City Charter, the Comptroller's role of providing independent estimates of anticipated revenue does not change. The Comptroller shall continue to submit to the Mayor a statement of anticipated revenue no later than the 2nd Tuesday in May, and submit to the Mayor and Common Council any changes to anticipated revenue deemed appropriate up to and after the submittal of the Mayor's executive budget, and a final statement of anticipated revenue in conjunction with the budget adopted by the Common Council.

The Comptroller will continue to provide independent estimates of anticipated revenue utilizing the same methodologies the office has employed in the past. Proposed changes to charter ordinances 18-03 and 18-04 impact the timing of the provision of estimates related to revenue initiatives the Mayor wishes to include in his executive budget proposal. These specific estimates will now be provided in conjunction with the Mayor's executive budget, rather than being provided upon Council adoption of authorizing legislation.

The Common Council retains authority to accept or reject proposed fee changes, or proposed new fees included in the Mayor's executive budget. Should the Council modify legislation related to fee proposals included in the Mayor's executive budget, the Comptroller's Office would update estimates of anticipated revenue accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at extension 2301.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin Matson".

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C: Common Council

