

Reply to Common Council File No. 041340

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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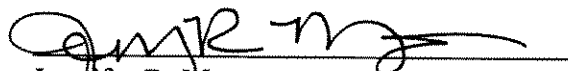
Common Council File 041340 contains a resolution amending the city's prevailing wage rate schedule for various building and construction trade categories. The file contains a letter from the Department of Workforce Development, dated January 3, 2005. The letter grants an exemption to the Department of Public Works from applying for wage decisions on a project-by-project basis.

Adoption of this resolution will amend the minimum rates of pay and fringe benefits, per the attached schedule, for various workers employed by the private construction industry, and engaged in public works contracts with the City of Milwaukee. The rates of pay will be incorporated into the City's Prevailing Wages Resolution.

As stated, by special order from the State of Wisconsin, the city is exempt from applying for a special wage determination for each construction project as long as the city periodically adopts state-provided wage schedules into its contract wage scale.

The fiscal impact of this file is unknown. It will depend on the nature of the construction projects undertaken in 2005 and the percentage increase in wages and benefits.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT THAT MAINTAINS CITY COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE PREVAILING WAGE LAW.



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