

Tom Barrett
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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Honorable Common Council of the City of Milwaukee
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Common Council Members:

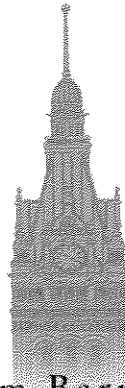
I am vetoing file number 041623, an ordinance relating to reimbursement for cellular telephone services for common council members.

The Department of Public Works will be issuing a bid for a new, City cellular phone contract within the next 45 days. The bid specifications for the new contract will include a provision that City cellular phones have the capacity to be assigned two phone numbers: one for business use and one for personal use. City Departments will be billed for business calls and the user will be billed at his or her home address for personal calls. In practice, this should eliminate the need to carry two cell phones and afford departments a far better accounting mechanism for cell phone usage.

I am also vetoing file number 041744, a resolution requiring Common Council approval before the Department of Public Works initiates a utility outage in the City Hall complex. The notification process for scheduling power outages should remain an interdepartmental communication issue.

Finally, I am vetoing file number 041613, an ordinance relating to the use of noise-making devices by vehicular food peddlers.

The City's current nuisance noise ordinance adequately addresses the issue. A better way to address the issue of unwanted noise is to meet and discuss the issue with the owners of the push carts.



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Those vendors selling food items from push carts must be licensed and, therefore, should be readily identifiable for purposes of convening a meeting to discuss the matter.

Members of the Council, I urge you to sustain these vetoes.

Sincerely,

Tom Barrett
Mayor