

January 8, 2009

The Honorable Common Council of the  
City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 – City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: **Resolution authorizing a \$550,000 appropriation from the Common Council  
Contingent Fund to the City Attorney Collection Contract Special Purpose  
Account**

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a Resolution relating to the appropriation of funds from the Common Council Contingent Fund to the City Attorney Collection Contract Special Purpose Account for the purpose of additional funding of \$550,000 necessary for the remainder of the year. The special purpose accounts fund the fees due pursuant to the contracts with the Kohn Law Firm for the collection of City receivables and Professional Placement Services, L.L.C. for the collection of overdue Municipal Court judgments.

The Collection Account has run low on funds due to the success of the tax interceptor program with the State of Wisconsin for municipal forfeitures. Because of this program, collections in February totaled \$1.1 million dollars. The result of this, however, is that the collection agency Professional Placement Services (PPS) is paid their fee of 24% of this amount. The collection agency costs are funded through the Special Purpose Account.

Very truly yours,

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