

Reply to Common Council File No. 150686
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File Number 150686 contains a communication regarding the creation of five positions dedicated to plan review and inspection of the Milwaukee Bucks Basketball Arena construction project.

This file requests amendment of the Positions Ordinance to add position authority to the Department of Neighborhood Services for positions that are needed to provide plan review and inspection services for the Milwaukee Bucks Basketball Arena construction. The Arena is a major economic development project that requires extensive plan review and inspection activity. These services will be provided by five dedicated staff that will be located on-site, in order to expedite the project in a timely manner.

The Positions Ordinance will be amended to create five positions for the Arena project, including a Plan Examiner, Construction Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, and Office Assistant III. These positions will be footnoted to indicate that they will be eliminated when the project is completed.

It is anticipated that most of these positions will not be filled until pay period 26 of 2015. The estimated salary cost for 2015 is \$36,281. The annual personnel cost of these five positions, including salaries and fringe benefits, is estimated at \$506,907. These costs are anticipated to be offset by the Milwaukee Bucks through a combination of permit revenue and additional charges. The Bucks have committed to paying \$1 million for the costs of applications, reviews, inspections and approvals for the arena and associated facilities and structures. The arena construction is anticipated to last two years.

**RECOMMENDATION: PLACE ON FILE COMMON COUNCIL FILE
NUMBER 150686 AND AMEND THE POSITION ORDINANCE
ACCORDINGLY.**



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