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## Milwaukee Police Department

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The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners 200 East Wells Street, Room 706 Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT PROBATION PERIOD (POLICE LIEUTENANT MATTHEW M. GADZALINSKI)

Dear Commissioners:

The Department respectfully requests that your Honorable Commission extend Police Lieutenant Matthew M. Gadzalinski's probationary period for 30 days based on the reasons outlined below. Lieutenant Gadzalinski's probationary period, if not extended, will end on February 18, 2025.

Lieutenant Gadzalinski was appointed to the Department as a Police Officer on May 22, 2006. On March 26, 2017, he was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. On February 18, 2024, he was promoted to the rank of Police Lieutenant, beginning a 12-month probationary period. He is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Bureau, (Major Crimes Division). Lieutenant Gadzalinski was absent for 65 working days during his probationary period. I am requesting that his probation be extended for 30 days. If this extension is approved, his probationary period will end on March 20, 2025.

Extending Lieutenant Gadzalinski's probationary period will afford Department supervisors the ability to properly evaluate his performance on the same basis as other probationary Police Lieutenants. I feel this extension request is reasonable in both purpose and duration for the aforementioned reasons. I, therefore, respectfully request that your Honorable Commission approve this extension.

Lieutenant Gadzalinski has been informed that the Fire and Police Commission may hear the matter of his probation period extension at its next regular meeting of January 2, 2025. He has been further informed that he or his union representative may appear before the Commission and be heard if requested.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY B. NORMAN

CHIEF OF POLICE

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 c: Assistant Chief Nicole Waldner Inspector Lough Captain Anderson Benjamin Canniff, MPSO Lieutenant Gadzalinski

I hereby certify that the above agenda item has been approved by the Commission:

Date:

**Executive Director**