

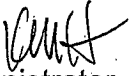


CITY OF MILWAUKEE
MUNICIPAL COURT

951 North James Lovell Street
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MEMORANDUM

To: Alderman Ashanti Hamilton
Alderman Terry Witkowski

From: Kristine Hinrichs 
Chief Court Administrator

Date: January 27, 2009

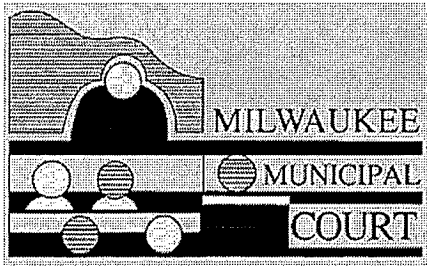
Subject: Outstanding Debt Task Force Implementation

I note that the Judiciary and Legislation Committee will consider reports from City departments relating to the implementation of the recommendations of the Outstanding Debt Task Force at their February 2, 2009 meeting.

Attached is the report that I provided to the Committee in March, 2008. In addition to those actions, I am happy to report the following:

- The commission arrangement with the Court's collection contractor has been very beneficial to the City from a cost standpoint. Overall, the "blended" commission paid for all Court collections is 15% - compared to 22% for the previous contractor. In 2008, this resulted in a savings to the City of approximately \$250,000.
- The Court has (for several years) been committed to implementing a process to electronically transmit Vehicle Registration Denials (VRD's). This would be similar to the process used by DPW's contractor to transmit VRD's related to unpaid parking citations. Unfortunately, WDOT has not been willing to expand this program beyond the DPW contractor. Therefore, we are working with the contractor to develop a means to use their interface with WDOT to accomplish the electronic filing. Although there are several issues that need to be resolved with WDOT and the contractor, we are hopeful that we will be able to implement this process within the next several months.

I will be happy to respond to any questions that you or members of the Committee may have concerning the Court's efforts to collect our judgments.

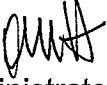


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2007

TO: Alderman Michael D'Amato
Alderman Terry Witkowski

FROM: Kristine Hinrichs 
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SUBJECT: Outstanding Debt Task Force Implementation – Municipal Court

I note that the Judiciary and Legislation Committee will consider reports from City departments relating to the implementation of the recommendations of the Outstanding Debt Task Force at their April 2, 2007 meeting.

The Municipal Court is happy to report the following:

- The Court has fully implemented the provisions of Wisconsin Act 305. This Act provides for the sharing of the cost of collection with all recipients of court fees and surcharges. The impact of this change will be seen in a small increase in Court revenues – as we will (essentially) forward fewer of the revenues to the recipients of these fees and surcharges. It will not be reflected in a reduction in the cost of collection commissions as they are paid from a Special Purpose Account under the control of the City Attorney's Office.
- The Court has implemented an electronic interface with the Milwaukee County Clerk's office that allows for the filing of property liens electronically. This new interface allows for the immediate enforcement of the property lien alternative and completion of the filing process within 48 hours for most eligible cases – a vast improvement over the manual process that took several months. We anticipate that this will result in an increase in collections of judgments with these enforced alternatives.
- The Court has implemented the electronic interface with the collection contractor to provide them with the drivers license number or state ID number when that information for a defendant exists within our case management system. This

allows the contractor to use that information in certifying accounts with the State of Wisconsin Tax Intercept Program (TRIP). This will substantially increase the number of accounts that they can certify for collection in this manner.

- The Court, in conjunction with the City Attorneys Office, recently completed a very successful process to retain a contractor for the collection of overdue judgments. We anticipate that this new contract will result in an increase in collections and a reduction in collection commissions.

I would be happy to respond to any questions that you or members of the Committee may have concerning the Court's efforts to collect our judgments.