

October 4, 2007

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Diggers Hotline  
Furnishing Approved Mapping Products

Dear Honorable Members:

The State of Wisconsin has a one-call center known as Diggers Hotline. Any contractor or private citizen proposing to excavate in the public right of way or on private property is to contact Diggers Hotline in advance of that work so that those companies that have buried/overhead facilities located within the vicinity of the excavation can mark those locations out in the field, thus alerting the party to be aware of these facilities. The objective is to prevent infrastructure damage and/or harm to individuals and property.

To this end, it is important to have the most current land information available at Diggers Hotline. This is particularly important when new areas are developed with the creation of subdivision plats and certified survey maps. With the adoption of this resolution, City staff will provide the Milwaukee County Land Information Office with a copy of the recorded plats and certified survey maps. The Milwaukee County Land Information Office will put the submittals into the proper electronic format and forward them to Diggers Hotline. This will support Diggers Hotline's effort to have the most current mapping system as new land developments occur.

The Department of Public Works supports this process. There will be minimal additional effort on our part to provide this information to the Milwaukee County Land Information Office. The adoption of this resolution in support of this process will benefit our community and lessen the likelihood of damage to infrastructure and improve excavator safety.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Works

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