Reply to Common Council File No. 010764

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Common Council File 010764 is a resolution from the City Attorney to authorize the City Attorney to provide limited legal representation to military personnel and their families upon request of the Judge Advocate General Corps.

City Attorneys are required to earn continuing legal education credits, which the City pays for. The free two-hour training program, sponsored by the State Bar of Wisconsin and the Judge Advocate General Crops, will train attorneys to provide very basic legal services (simple wills, filing notice to creditors, etc.) to military personnel under the Soldiers' and Sailor's Civil Relief Act. In exchange for these free continuing legal education credits, the attorneys will provide these legal services pro bono to military personnel and their families in the event of military action and upon request of the Judge Advocate General Corps. It is not expected that these services would take a significant amount of time or resources of any City Attorneys.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 010764 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES UPON THE REQUEST OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL CORPS.

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