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To the Honorable,
Judiciary and Legislation Committee
Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall, Room 205

RE: Update Regarding Recommendation # 7 of the Outstanding Debt Task Force

Dear Committee Members:

This office utilizes a Microsoft Office Access database application to facilitate the compilation of inrem foreclosure files. In comparing the databases of the parcels initially included in the 2007 and 2008 inrem foreclosure files, five parcels were identified that were included in both filings. A listing of these five parcels is attached.

In researching the tax account histories of each of these parcels, it was found that all five parcels were subject to an automatic stay last year, as the property owners filed for bankruptcy during the 2007 foreclosure action. Since the bankruptcies had been adjudicated prior to the 2008-1 inrem foreclosure filing, all five parcels were again pursued and included with the 2008 foreclosure filing. In the 2008-01 foreclosure file, three of the owners re-filed for bankruptcy, which resulted again in an automatic stay on any enforcement action. Two of the five have since been dismissed from bankruptcy and will be included in the 2009-1 foreclosure file. Two of the five parcels had a foreclosure judgment taken with none of the owners making an application to request to vacate the inrem foreclosure judgment as of this date.

I believe this office has an excellent record relative to City property tax collections, as evidenced by the attached chart of tax collection rates. As denoted in the chart, a collection rate of over 99% is achieved by the end of the enforcement cycle for each tax levy. Please note that the 2004 tax levy, delinquent tax parcels were foreclosed upon with the 2007-1 file and the 2005 tax levy, delinquent tax accounts were foreclosed upon with the 2008-1 file. The 2006 tax levy, delinquent tax accounts will be pursued in the 2009-1 foreclosure file. The remaining 2007 tax levy, delinquent tax accounts will be referred to the collection agent in April 2009 after one last collection letter in March 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Delinquent tax parcels included in both the 2007-1 Foreclosure File and the 2008-1 Foreclosure File

PARCEL COUNT	TAXKEY NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	OWNER NAME - LINE 1	OWNER NAME - LINE 2	2008-1 FORECLOSURE STATUS
1	266-0566-000-1	3607 3609 N 55TH ST	ANTHONY TROTTER	SHAWN L TROTTER	REFILED FOR BANKRUPTCY
2	271-1707-000-5	3920 3920 N 17TH ST	STACEY M COTTON	DAISY J COTTON	REFILED FOR BANKRUPTCY - DISMISSED SCHEDULED FOR 2009-01 FORECLOSURE FILE
3	271-2004-000-1	3742 3744 N TEUTONIA AV	BRANDON M HUDNALL		JUDGMENT TAKEN
4	322-0065-000-9	2637 2637 N 2ND ST	JEFFREY L BROWN		JUDGMENT TAKEN
5	324-2035-000-6	2464 2466 N 14TH ST	GERALD DANTZLER	JENETTE C DANTZLER	REFILED FOR BANKRUPTCY - DISMISSED SCHEDULED FOR 2009-01 FORECLOSURE FILE

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1998 - 2007 City Tax Levy Collection Rates
as of December 31, 2008

