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Public Works Committee to hear plans for new taxicab permits

Tomorrow's meeting of the Common Council's **Public Works Committee** will include testimony about the process for issuing 100 new taxicab vehicle permits – including a possible lottery for those permits if necessary.

The testimony will be heard when the **Office of the City Clerk** delivers a presentation about how it will be handling the implementation of the city's new taxicab ordinance when the committee meets at **9 a.m. tomorrow (Wednesday, January 29, 2014) in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Tomorrow's meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable in the City of Milwaukee), and on U-Verse Channel 99. Online viewing is available by going to www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

The Council's adoption of the new ordinance in November – a move to improve taxicab service and to better ensure taxicab service availability throughout Milwaukee – established a system of affiliation that all (permittee) taxicabs in the city are required to belong to. It also requires taxicab fleet affiliations to receive, maintain and report dispatch information, and to assure that affiliated permittees and vehicle drivers comply with requirements that include driver training, driver appearance standards, vehicle inspection standards, written plans to assure passenger and driver security and rear-seat credit card payment capacity.

The ordinance as approved also authorizes the addition of **100 new taxicab vehicle permits** and provides for an annual review of the need for additional permits. The ordinance also requires fleet affiliations to provide citywide service on a 24-hour basis.

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Public Works Committee/ADD ONE

Alderman Robert J. Bauman, chair of the Public Works Committee, said **the ordinance takes effect on February 1** and on Monday, February 3 the city's License Division (Room 105 at City Hall) will begin taking notice of intent to apply taxicab licenses and will also begin licensing certified taxicab affiliations.

To participate in the process, applicants must obtain from the License Division (Room 105 at City Hall) a **Notice of Intent to Apply** with the possibility of a lottery (or if less than 100 a waiting list) and must complete the following:

- Submit to the License Division between February 1 and February 28, 2014.
- Submit by mail **beginning February 1** or drop-box in the License Division Lobby **beginning February 3**; postmark is accepted as file by date.
- Include \$100 fee (check or Money Order only) and be completely filled out and signed

Tomorrow the Public Works Committee will also consider a resolution approving the relocation of the **General Douglas MacArthur statue** to the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center grounds.

The statue move – also requiring approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors – would be executed using donor funds (no taxpayer dollars) and would relocate the statue to a specific site to be determined by Milwaukee County and the board of the War Memorial Center.

General MacArthur's father and grandfather were prominent figures in Milwaukee and Wisconsin in the late 19th century, and the general lived in Milwaukee for a part of his life.

It is anticipated that a dedication ceremony marking the relocation would be held during MacArthur Memorial Week, recognizing the "MacArthurs of Milwaukee," which will take place June 3-7, 2014, in various events at the War Memorial Center and the Marquette University Law School.

The magnificent, 9½-foot bronze statue of General MacArthur, sculpted by Robert Dean, was unveiled by Mrs. Douglas MacArthur and dedicated in a ceremony on June 8, 1979 at MacArthur Square.