

Reply to Common Council File No. 040014

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 040014 contains a resolution amending the city's prevailing wage rate schedule for various building and construction trade categories. The file contains two letters from the Milwaukee Buildings and Trade Council (MBTC), dated April 12, 2004 and April 16, 2004, updating the wage and fringe benefit rates for various classifications of building trades workers (specifically Ironworkers and Roofers) employed in the private construction industry for 2004.

Adoption of this resolution will amend the minimum rates of pay and fringe benefits, per the attached schedule, for various workers employed by the private construction industry, but engaged in public works contracts with the City of Milwaukee. The rates of pay will be incorporated into the City's Prevailing Wages Resolution.

By special order from the State of Wisconsin, the city is exempt from applying for a special wage determination for each construction project as long as the city periodically adopts state-provided wage schedules into its contract wage scale.

**The fiscal impact of this file is unknown. It will depend on the nature of the construction projects undertaken in 2004 and the percentage increase in wages and benefits.**

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT THAT MAINTAINS CITY COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE PREVAILING WAGE LAW.**

  
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