

DEPARTMENT(S)	EFFECT		
	BUDGET	TAX LEVY	TAX RATE PER \$1,000
POLICE	\$+ 0	\$+ 0	\$+ 0.000

**AMENDMENT INTENT**

This amendment will add position authority, FTE, and \$400,000 for ten Police Service Specialist - Investigators.

**BACKGROUND**

1. From January to July, 2021, there were 5,144 vehicles stolen in the city. That is a sharp increase from 2020, for which the year-end total was 4,493. The COVID-19 pandemic led to an increase in auto thefts. That increase, in combination with reduced staffing levels, has significantly decreased the Police Department's clearance rates of auto theft cases. In Wisconsin, the main charge for auto theft is Operating a Vehicle Without Owner's Consent. By September 30, 2021, Milwaukee had already exceeded the prior year's full year of numbers. In 2019, the Police Department's clearance rate for auto theft cases was 3%, while the national average was 10%. In 2020, the Police Department's clearance rate dropped to 2%. In 2019, there were 742 arrests for Operating a Vehicle Without Owner's Consent. In 2020, that number was 745. In 2021, through September, the number reached 839 and continues to grow.
2. Currently, sworn officers are being used to work auto theft cases, but it is not necessary to commit sworn strength to all work related to clearing auto theft cases. A Police Services Specialist – Investigator (PSSI) is a retired member of law enforcement who can be used for working auto theft cases. PSSIs are non-sworn and not eligible for a second pension or benefits. PSSIs can quickly clear auto theft cases, given their experience in law enforcement, ability to quickly learn the job, and base of knowledge to quickly analyze and solve cases. Funding in the amount of \$400,000 will provide for 10 PSSIs for 1 year. This funding should clear a significant number of auto theft cases.

**DISCUSSION**

1. Five non-sworn Police Service Specialist – Investigators will work on clearing auto theft cases.

2. Five non-sworn Community Service officers will work on response to non-violent calls for service and other duties as assigned.

**EFFECT**

1. The budget effect of this amendment is \$+0.
2. The tax-levy effect of this amendment is \$+0.

**COMMITTEE VOTE:** (x-x) In Favor: Ald.  
Opposed:

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**OBJECTIVE, OVERALL BUDGET LEVY EFFECT OF THIS POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO THE 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET**

By Ald. Kovac

Item 29A

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Add \$400,000 for ten Police Service Specialist - Investigators.

BUDGET <u>EFFECT</u>	TAX LEVY <u>EFFECT</u>	TAX RATE EFFECT <u>(PER \$1,000 A.V.)</u>
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Operating Budget

\$+0

\$+0

\$+0.000

BMD-2 PAGE AND LINE NUMBER	DETAILED AMENDMENT	CHANGE IN 2022 POSITIONS OR UNITS COLUMN		CHANGE IN 2022 AMOUNT COLUMN	
		NUMBER TO BE CHANGED	AMOUNT OF CHANGE	AMOUNT TO BE CHANGED	AMOUNT OF CHANGE
	SECTION I.A.1. BUDGETS FOR GENERAL CITY PURPOSES				
	POLICE DEPARTMENT				
	SALARIES & WAGES				
270.18-7	Police Services Specialist - Investigator	7	--	\$256,487	\$+400,000
270.18-20	Personnel Cost Adjustment	--	--	-\$21,111,363	\$-400,000