

April 15, 2002

To The Honorable
The Common Council of the City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 205

Dear Members:

I respectfully request that the 2002 Positions Ordinance be amended to increase the position authority for one (1) Assistant City Attorney by 20 percent to (.60 FTE .) Currently, two Assistant City Attorney's share one full-time position assigned to Worker's Compensation and Duty Disability. This increase in appropriation authority is necessary because of the significant increase in workload in the Duty Disability area. Several factors account for this change in workload, administrative appeals and judicial reviews, including further appellate reviews, have increased and become significantly more complex and protracted than in the past. At the same time, there has been an increase in pension litigation arising out of Chapter 36 of the Milwaukee City Charter. The increased appropriation authority would be recovered through increased charges to the Employees' Retirement System (ERS.) The City Attorney's Office has also realized budgetary savings to fund this increase in appropriation authority through existing vacancies.

There are currently, two existing Assistant City Attorney positions authorized at (.60 FTE. In the past, these positions have been budgeted as full-time equivalents. This action will bring the total to four (4) Assistant City Attorneys at (.60 FTE) or (2.40 FTE.). The positions ordinance will be amended to reflect three (3) Assistant City Attorney positions and the net effect will be the elimination of one (1) Assistant City Attorney position from the City Attorney's Budget.

Very truly yours,

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